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NEWS

Paper drive nets over 200 kilos for group

by Chris Fair

A small dent in the amount of bond paper wasted by UVic students has been made by a campus group.

The Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group has collected the equivalent weight of a Volkswagen, over 200 kg, of paper for recycling.

The recycling drive has continued every Thursday afternoon in the Unicentre since its inception Jan. 15.

VIPIRG has asked students to contribute their used notepaper, photocopies and computer paper to the drive.

The group is also planning to take envelopes and paper bags from students on Feb. 28 and egg cartons on Mar. 29.

"We hope to raise student awareness by letting them know how and what they can recycle," said Dayna Christ, VIPIRG Recycling Committee coordinator.

Christ views the drive as more of an "educational tool" than a recycling service, "but we support the university in any efforts to implement a full scale recycling program."

VIPIRG is applying to the federal government's Environmental Partnership Fund in conjunction with UVic administration to begin such a program. Simon Fraser University has already been successful in its application for recycling funding.

Recycling programs began at UVic in 1987 when VIPIRG instituted departmental and library paper collections. These efforts were taken over by the UVic administration after VIPIRG proved the collections were economically feasible.❑

Students catch suspected thief

by Amei Parkes

Two UVic students nabbed one of two suspected bike thieves in the early morning hours of February 10.

Tim Johnson was coming home from a movie at 3 a.m. when he heard people talking and then a tool drop in the bicycle basement at the Hugh Stephens residence.

"I figured right away it was a bicycle thief," said Johnson.

Johnson reacted immediately and started running in between the McGill residence buildings while one suspect ran round the circumference, past the cafeteria.

While he was tracking the suspect, Johnson ran into a friend, and told him to phone Traffic and Security.

"I told him what was happening. I didn't really know what to do. It was two guys against one," said Johnson.

He met another friend, Randy Ladic, who helped him approach the person.

"We confronted him and he said he was looking for his friend's bike. He gave a fake name and told us he didn't know the building he lived in. He was really nervous," said Ladic.

Over $4,000 worth of bikes and bike parts have been reported stolen this year.

They also noticed he was carrying a screw driver with bits in his pouch.

"We told him we weren't accusing him of anything, we just wanted him to wait for Traffic and Security," said Johnson.

The man was very co-operative, they said. He waited patiently for Traffic and Security and the Saanich Police to take him away for questioning.

As a result of Johnson and Ladic's efforts, T and S has put out a pamphlet on bike theft.

"Over $4,000 worth of bikes and bike parts have been reported this year," said Don Marykuca, director of T and S.

Marykuca recommends locking bikes with a quality Kryptonite lock.

But nothing can prevent bike thieves from stealing removable parts like tires, lights and water bottles. Hand bolt cutters can cut through light chains, locks and cables.

He also urges students to report thefts immediately.

"If anyone sees anything suspicious, we'd appreciate receiving a call," said Marykuca.

Johnson and Ladic have since been offered a job with Traffic and Security.❑

Pacifists force cops off campus, melee ensues

MONTREAL (CUP) — Two Montreal police officers were turfed from the campus of a suburban college Feb. 21 by students upset about a recruiting kiosk.

Police reinforcements were called in after a group of pacifist students demanded two police recruiting officers leave CEGEP St. Laurent.

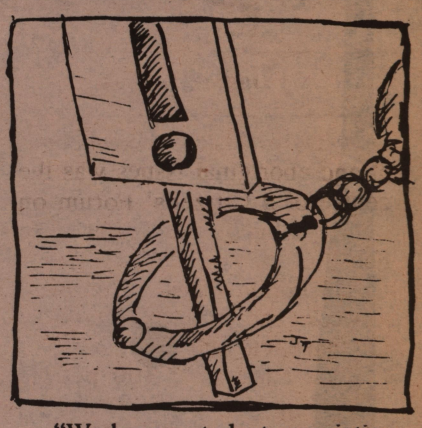
Three students were arrested in an ensuing melee with 25 police officers, a police official said. Another will be charged by summons.

Two were charged with interfering with a police officer, one is charged with mischief causing property damage and a fourth will be charged with assaulting a police officer, said Guy Lavoie, director of the local police station.

Police reinforcements demonstrated a total abuse of power in melee with students

Student council executives were upset by the police department's recruitment efforts.

"If they had asked for our permission we would have refused," Catherine Verrier-Frechette, a student council executive, told a local daily newspaper after the incident.



"We have a student association made up of pacifists. We don't support the values espoused by the police or the army."

She said the students didn't act violently when they approached the kiosk, adding that they picked up the recruiters' table and belongings and took them outside.

The police reinforcements demonstrated "a total abuse of power," Verrier-Frechette said. ❑

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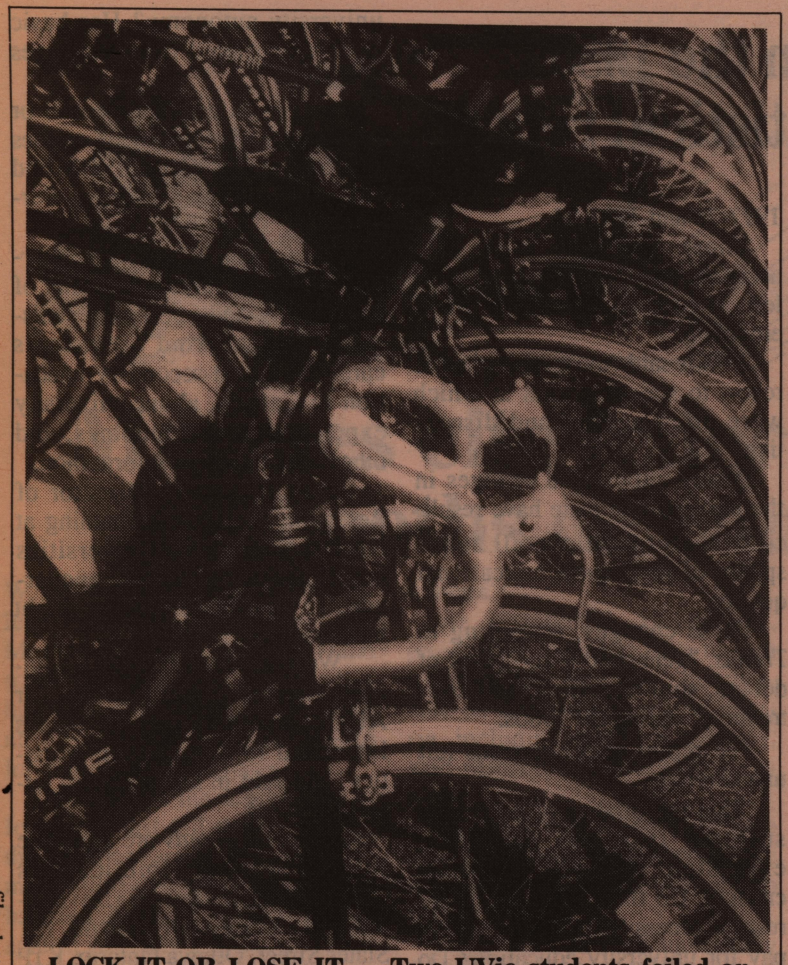

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LOCK IT OR LOSE IT — Two UVic students foiled an attempted bike theft earlier this month. See page 2 story.

Education slashed in federal budget, students will pay more

by Anne McKinnell

Federal Finance Minister Michael Wilson presented a tough budget Tuesday which could result in higher tuition rates for post-secondary students.

Wilson announced a cut in transfer payments which will result in provincial governments receiving $2.3 billion less for health care and post-secondary education over the next five years.

The kicker is there will also be new legislation introduced to ensure the provinces don't consequently cut medicare.

This implies the provincial government will either have to contribute more of its own money to post-secondary education or the money will have to come from the students.

NDP Finance critic Glen Clark said the federal budget will not have an impact on this year's provincial budget, but the cuts will come in next year.

Because of cuts in transfer payments in last year's federal budget the provincial government will lose $200 million this year and

Students are living $400 per month below the poverty line

then $300 million each year for three years with this year's budget, said Clark.

"The legislation the Tory government is proposing will allow the provincial government to raise money a different way," he said.

"The government can use this as an excuse to raise tuition. It is simply a matter of political choice."

Elizabeth Loughran, vice-president academic for the UVic Students' Society, said this should make students think seriously about the type of governments they vote for.

"Both the Tories and the Socreds are elitist and show no concern for people of middle and low incomes acquiring a post-secondary education," Loughran said.

"This is an example of us living with such a decision.

"We can afford a war and low corporate tax rates, but we can't afford to invest in our future or maintain our health care system," she said.

"Students are already living $400 per month below the poverty line and that is with combined student loans.

"There should be legislation protecting students from such situations, especially those with children," said Loughran.

"Students should remember this the next time they vote." ❑

Spicer successful 2nd time

by Daniel Hughes

A lively debate on constitutional and aboriginal issues was the centre of a Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future meeting at UVic Feb. 26.

The Forum visited UVic several weeks ago, but a poor turn-out prompted it to return.

This time over 300 people showed up to voice their opinions on the issues facing Canada today. The Forum, unofficially referred to as the Spicer Commission, was addressed by a distinguished panel including former UVic President Howard Petch, the Sierra Club's Vicki Husband, and First Nations Tribal Council Chair Tom Sampson.

Canadians are like a dysfunctional family

UVic professor and columnist Terry Morley, who sat on the panel "as a bit of a cynic," summed up the constitutional crisis confronting Canadians by stating we have grave problems negotiating and ratifying changes to it.

"We have too many problems in a way," said Morley. "It's as if we've become ungovernable. Our problems are too many and too complex."

In addition to constitutional problems, Canadians face an economic crisis, the question of provincial equalization payments, regionalism, multiculturalism ("whatever that is," Morley quipped), native issues, and the division of federal/provincial powers.

As for pushing the constitutional process forward, Morley warned, "we are likely to fail again."

This pessimistic attitude was not shared by everyone.

Husband chided Morley, and said Canadians should "stop feeling sorry for ourselves."

Petch, who described himself as a "law and order" person, stressed there should be a balance in the country between personal freedom and the greater good of society.

"Our problems are what we make them," he said. "As a nation we rank very high in the world," when Canada is judged by criteria such as the level of personal freedom, educational and health benefits, and a social safety net.

Sampson spoke strongly about aboriginal rights. As a participant in constitutional talks with federal officials for the last five years, Sampson said native people, "had gone toe to toe with Canada's best lawyers, (but) they didn't even attempt to understand."

Stephen Reid, local forum organizer

Sampson believes because of the nature of the French and English languages, Canadians cannot be as "connected to the land" as natives, and therefore don't have the right to make laws governing the land.

"We are slowly destroying ourselves in the name of competition," Sampson said.

He said people want too much and as a result are destroying the environment. "We've got to settle for less."

Sampson called for greater dialogue on aboriginal issues, warning that without such talks, confrontations such as Oka may become commonplace.

"The events of this summer will be repeated," he said. "And the next generation will not be as tolerant as my own."

The floor was opened to audience members and amid the ensuing brouhaha, some interesting points were made.

One woman felt Canadians are like, "a dysfunctional family. We're suffering from a sibling rivalry because one province

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General meeting accomplishes few changes, then self-destructs

by Oliver Ho and Sherryl Yeager

A technical and organizational glitch almost kept UVic students from voting on the health plan in March.

But enough students showed up to the Students' Society's Semi-Annual General Meeting Feb. 25 to effect a few important constitutional changes.

The meeting needed 70 people in attendance to make changes to the Society's constitution. This happened, for a while, anyway.

Not far into the agenda, the majority of it had to be cut due to a technicality, and the meeting soon descended into joke motions and animosity.

A few important changes happened, however, mainly the opportunity for students to vote on the health plan in March.

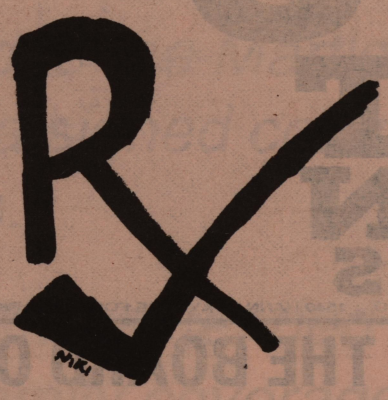
The difficulties surrounding the issue arose from an amendment last year to the constitution that required a petition to be signed by 10 per cent of UVic students before any fees the Society collects can be altered.

"This amendment didn't take into consideration that we have a health plan which has to be taken to referendum every year," said Gary Hartford, vice-president finance of the Society.

"It has been passed by an overwhelming majority every year. Just to put the question out and get 1,300 signatures to have it put to referendum every year is an enormous difficulty for the Society."

The Society has not collected the signatures necessary to have a referendum this year.

Hartford proposed an amendment to the constitution that would only require the petition before referenda to remove or reduce fees of the Society or groups it collects fees for, such as CFUV and WUSC.



Other referenda only need the approval of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

Student Lise-Lotte Loomer urged people to vote yes to the amendment so the referendum could be held and students could decide on the health plan.

"The health plan is something tangible that the Society is doing for students. It is something a lot of women need and use.

"I wouldn't want the people here to decide - I see a lot of men - for women who can't afford not to have the plan," she said.

The main argument raised against the motion was that it would make it too easy for the board of directors to increase other fees without consulting students.

The motion passed by a wide margin.

Among the other changes made were granting Students' Society voting rights to co-op students, and limiting on the number of honorary life memberships the Society grants in a year to two.

Hartford said co-op students should have voting rights because they are increasing in number on campus. If on work-terms, however, they are excluded from voting on referenda or in the Society's elections.

Before less than half of the meeting's agenda was dealt with, Student Senator George Pringle questioned quorum.

Under the rules that governed the meeting, the rest of the main items on the agenda had to be dropped because there were not enough people present.

In the ruckus that followed, several people brought up motions from the audience. These fell under a part of the agenda that required only 20 people to be present, as they were not part of the main agenda.

A few joke motions came up, and one serious one to return a cigarette machine to the Student Union Building, which passed by a large margin.

Another student called for adjournment shortly after, and, amid much shouting, people voted to end the meeting.❑

NEWS

University overcrowding in the 1980s was unexpected, says new statistical report

The dramatic increase in post-secondary enrolment in the last sixteen years was unexpected, according to a 1990 profile on Canadian Universities.

by Alisa Gordaneer

Between 1972 and 1988, the overall number of full-time students enrolled in Canadian universities increased over 50 per cent, although a reduction was anticipated.

Trends: The Canadian University in Profile, published last year by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, is a compilation of statistical evidence gathered from post-secondary institutions across the country.

It is intended to reflect the ever-changing climate of post-secondary reality.

Its introduction states: "While no single university is likely to conform to this stereotype ... all will reflect at least some of the changes documented."

Most, if not all, universities in Canada are now overcrowded. *Trends* says it well: "The first noticeable difference between the students of the 1970s and those of the late 1980s was simply that there were many more of them in the latter period."

But *Trends* asserts that university overcrowding was unexpected.

"From the vantage point of the 1970s, it seemed clear to many observers that universities should brace for major enrolment declines in the early 1980s."

Total university income declined by 10 per cent and enrollment increased by 50 per cent in 10 years.

There were fewer children being born, fewer students in elementary and secondary schools, and therefore fewer potential university students.

Trends admits to two inaccurate assumptions on the part of university projections.

"First, that all university students were 18 to 24-year-olds, thus overestimating the so-called `participation rate' for that age group, and, second, that this participation rate would remain constant over time."

Also not taken into account, however, were the changing types of university students.

Between 1972 and 1988, the number of women enrolled in full-time undergraduate programs increased from 110,000 to 215,000.

As well, the number of women aged 25 to 39 enrolled in post-secondary education jumped from 11,301 in 1972 to 42,485 in 1988. No one anticipated a social trend that would see not only more students, but also their mothers returning to school.

Factors such as tuition increases and university expenditures are also outlined in the *Trends* report. Total university income declined by almost 10 per cent between 1977-78 and 1987-88.

There was less money to accommodate more students. This led, in part, to the current overcrowding.

Trends said "universities had to resort to spending cuts ... which were often painful and disruptive."

Poorly anticipated changes in the university climate have resulted in the present overall atmosphere of inadequate educational quality.

These changes, according to *Trends*, "generated a good deal of debate, soul-searching, and controversy" during the 1980s.

The report asks questions left unanswered:

"Has the quality of education suffered from the enrolment explosion and the financial crunch? Do tuition fee increases restrict accessibility? Who should pay for university education? Do closer ties to business threaten university autonomy? Has basic research suffered from shortages of funds?"

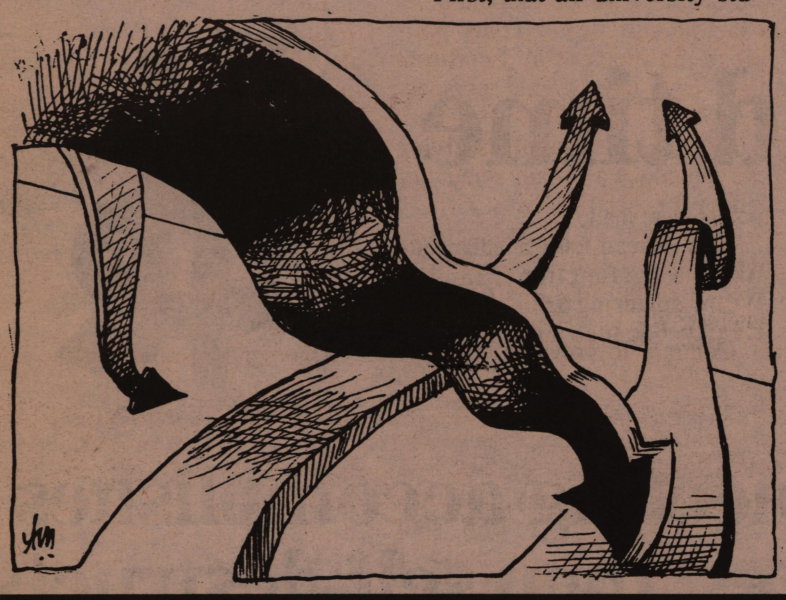
Perhaps in another decade or so, the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada will find answers to these questions. Perhaps....

Trends: The Canadian University in Profile contained tons of entertaining and interesting statistics about the kind of students enrolled in post-secondary education in Canada, about university expenditures and incomes, and other nifty tidbits of information.

Susan D'Antoni, Director of Research, Policy and Planning at the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, encourages any feedback readers might have on *Trends*.

"We want *Trends* to be a valuable source of information for AUCC members and for others interested in Canadian universities" she said in her prefatory letter to readers.

Copies of *Trends* are available for $35 from the Publications Office, Association of Universities and Colleges Of Canada, 151 Slater Street, Ottawa Ontario, K1P 5N1.❑



Students forced out of school

HALIFAX (CUP) — Students at the University of Prince Edward Island are in the midst of what may be the longest spring break in history.

Over 3,000 athletes taking part in Charlottetown's Canada Winter Games have taken over the campus for an entire month and students were told to stay away.

When the city was chosen as the site for the games in 1987, the university's administration offered its campus, including student residences, to organizers for a month.

This year students were told they have a break from Feb. 10 to March 9, a sort of "reading month," and are not only free to leave campus, they have no other choice.

UPEI president C.W.J. Eliot said he expected "some minor inconveniences."

"The students have all been looked after," Eliot said.

But students say they have had to scramble to find places to stay. The university residence office tried to find free billets for the 24 students who didn't have a place.

One student, Wendy Nicholson, the single mother of a two-year-old, found a place to stay two days before the deadline. Because she is a single mother, Nicholson could not get a billet.

The residence manager, "made every effort to find me a place," Nicholson said, "but in the end I had to get an apartment."

With the cost of moving, telephone and electricity hook-up, damage deposit and rent, the Canada Games are costing Nicholson $1,300.

According to Jach Kane of the Canada Games Host Society, displacing students is standard practice.

"Since the first Canada Games in '67, the athletes have been put up in schools or universities the majority of times," said Kane. "It's really only a problem for the winter games".

So what does the university get out of this?

For a $750,000 outlay — $300,000 of which came from a single alumnus — the campus receives a shiny new $6.5 million fieldhouse. And for an extra $550,000, they get a $1.2 million cafeteria.❑

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(Quebec) is getting all the goodies."

With regards to the post-Meech crisis, an audience member said, "fundamentally I think people were frustrated by a lack of dialogue," rather than the content of the failed accord.

It was no wonder, he continued to the applause of the audience, "when you had 11 white males sitting around a table discussing the future of our country."

In one emotional presentation, a man asked "how can you have a country where one group has a leg up on another?" in reference to the status of Quebec.

When Morley argued the point academically, citing Pakistan as an example of where such a situation exists, the man grew angry.

"If you want unity," he said, "you'll never get it by giving one group a leg up!"

"We can't keep pandering to one province. All our problems can be traced back to that. It's not a question of if Quebec is leaving, it's a question of when. And mark my words, Quebec will leave."❑

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NEWS

Teach-in draws large crowd

by Sherryl Yeager

A teach-in about the Gulf War on Feb. 14 was well attended despite the decision of the UVic Senate not to cancel classes for the event.

"We thought the turnout was great. Cinecenta was full most of the day and there was a constant turnaround of people," said Heather Gropp, a member of the UVic Anti-War Coalition, which organized the event.

The Cinencenta theatre holds 300 people. About 75 people attended the evening events, Gropp said.

"On the actual day of the teach-in a lot of students said it was a good idea, and they were glad the coalition is doing other things than just organizing demonstrations."

Topics covered by speakers at the teach-in included Islamic culture and tradition, media coverage, the environment, the politics of sexuality and the native view of the war.

Two highlights were Philosophy professor Rodger Beehler's presentation entitled, The Media, The Gulf War and the Truth, and Laura Porcher's discussion of the environmental effects of the war.

"How are people to judge what is the truth if the descriptive coverage on the front page has no memory?" Beehler asked.

"If the media have a responsibility it is to tell you enough history to be able to judge what is going on." By not doing so, he said, "They show that they have no understanding or caring about the needs of human beings to know the truth."

One example Beehler pointed to was the perception of Israel as the most favoured Middle Eastern nation, and self-restrained target of ruthless attacks by Iraq.

Yet, Beehler said, Israel is one of the largest producers and exporters of arms to the Guatamalan government, which uses them against the Indian people there.

At the onset of the October War in 1967, Israeli fighter jets attacked a U.S. reconnaisance ship, the Liberty, killing 34 and wounding 75. At the time Israel claimed it did not know the ship was American, he said.

The ship was lightly armed and armoured and a virtual sitting duck. Years later, Thomas Moore, who was chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time of the incident, said there was no possible way it could have been a case of mistaken identity.

While many of the details were disclosed in a book, *Assault on the Liberty*, there is no mention of the incident in media reporting today.

Why were they too dreadful too show? Because you and I might not put up with it?

Beehler also pointed to the example of Amnesty International, a human rights advocacy group, which will not take action when a Palestinian shows bodily wounds as proof of torture by Israelis. In any other case, however, wounds and bruises are sufficient evidence for Amnesty to begin an investigation.

Much of the information about what is really happening in Israel comes from some of that country's media.

"The Israeli media, part of it, is one of the best sources of information about Israel. When they talk they tell the truth and don't delude themselves as we do," Beehler said.

He pointed to government control and corporate ownership as two of the biggest influences on media. Beehler used the example of the bombing of a bunker in Baghdad which resulted in the deaths of hundreds of civilians.

"A BBC announcer said some of the pictures received (of the victims) were too dreadful to show. He or she stands between what you and I can know.

"Why were they too dreadful to show? Because you and I might not put up with it?"

The environmental effects of the war was the subject of a presentation by Laura Porcher of the Victoria Green Party. Much of her information was supplied by Greenpeace.

Porcher said the Gulf War will create a situation of immediate danger, because of radiation, climactic changes and oil spills.

The U.S. has bombed one, possibly two nuclear reactors which may have been power or research stations, Porcher said. There are also nuclear waste sites which may have been hit in the bombing raids.

"My question is, who is monitoring the sites for radiation? I don't know who could other than the U.S. If they have done it, they may be monitoring the sites, but are they going to make that information public? I would expect them not to."

Another major concern is climate changes caused by clouds of smoke from the burning Kuwait oil fields. Because these fields are shallow, no pumping is required and fires are virtually impossible to extinguish.

The resulting cloud will affect weather patterns throughout the world, notably affecting monsoons in Eastern Asia and Africa, Porcher said.

Oil slicks from tankers are killing the shallow, enclosed water system in the Persian Gulf, destroying wildlife and fisheries and shrimp industries.

Porcher also expressed concern about the possibilities of chemical and biological warfare, or the accidental bombing of the storage sites of these weapons.

"If a biological weapons site is bombed, there is no guarantee it

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Law students want more dialogue with admin

by Jeanine Soodeen

A new method of increasing communication between students and UVic's administration is being proposed by the Law Students Society.

"We need some kind of avenue for dialogue between the administration and the students," said Clive Elkin, president of the Society.

The mandate for the committee suggested by the LSS would be to examine current university policies, and analyze and critique them from the students' perspective.

The plan also involves giving the committee a certain amount of money for each faculty.

Elkin stressed the concerns of this new committee are farther reaching than his own personal interest.

Contrary to previous rumours, the LSS does not wish to separate from the UVic Students' Society, nor does it want to replace the UVSS or the administration. The committee is in no way a political move in behalf of the LSS, said Elkin.

"We're not usurping the responsibility of the administration, just assisting them in meeting the objectives of all students," said Elkin.

He said there is an individual advocating the LSS' separation from the UVSS but this individual does not share his view with the LSS.

"Without student involvement it's hard to address student concerns," said Elkin.

Elkin has spoken to both Russ Williams, vice-president services, and Howard Jampolsky, president of the UVSS, about his proposal.

Both Williams and Jampolsky support the idea.

"There are so many benefits you can get from that," said Williams.

"I think it would be a lot more efficient, a lot more fair," said Jampolsky.

One concern raised in the fall by several student groups was the lack of student involvement in the formulation of a new alcohol policy by Student and Ancillary Services.

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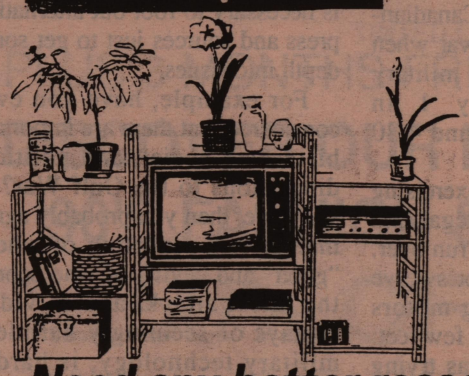
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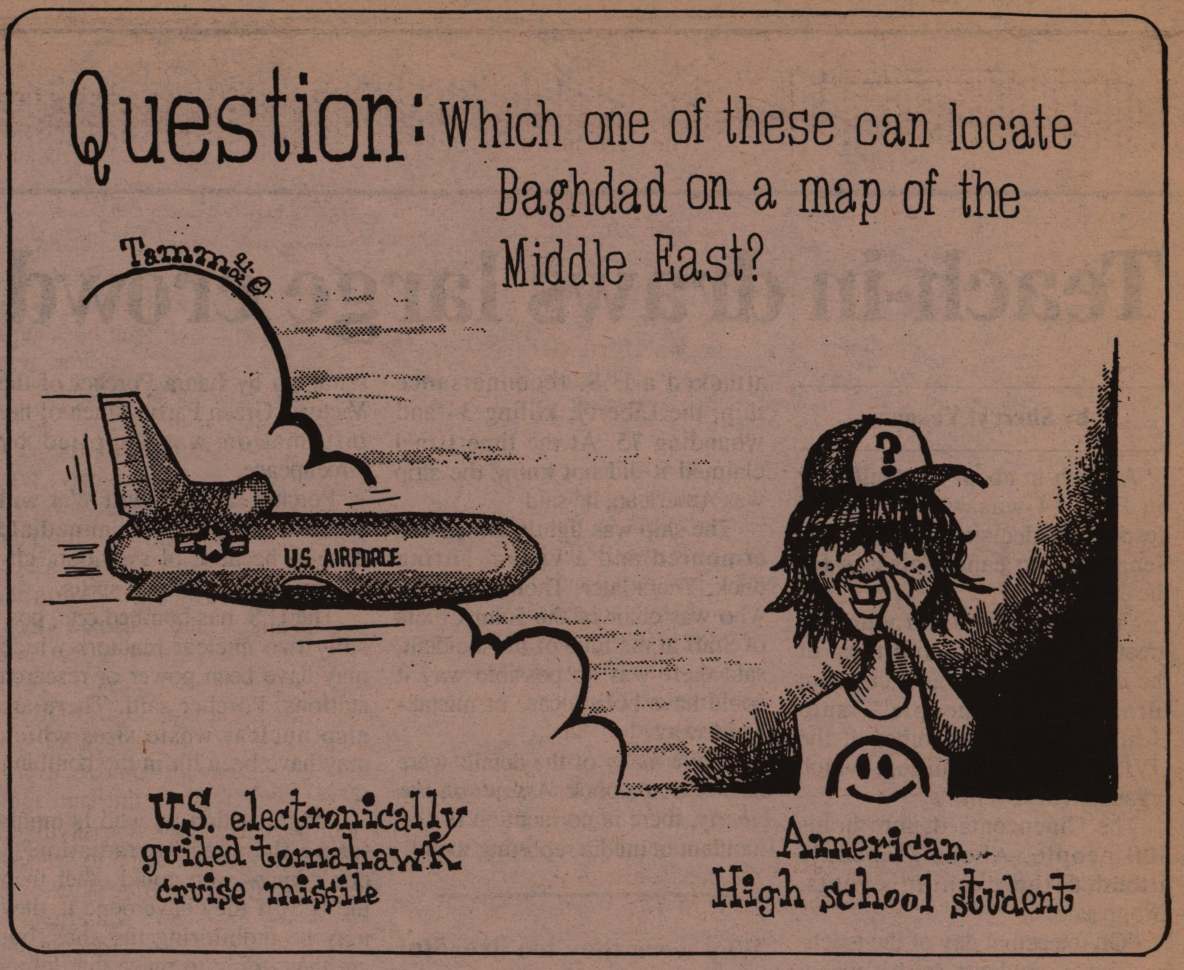

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Build-a-Nation Kit available

Editors:

I am writing to invite all students at UVic to participate in the Citizens' Forum on Canada's future.

The Citizens' Forum is a national commission whose purpose is to gauge the views of people on central issues surrounding Canada's future as a nation

The core body of input for the commission and its recommendations will come from Group Discussions. During the discussion, notes are taken and a group report is prepared and sent immediately to Ottawa.

In addition, individual reports on the session are filled out and sent to Ottawa.

Group Discussions can be arranged by any club, organization, or individual interested in having input on Canada's future. In order to facilitate discussion the Commissioners have developed a "kit" that centers upon 14 questions central to Canada.

Those in the group discuss the questions, their impact on Canada and possible solutions.

The participants are not engaged in a debate where points are awarded. The purpose of this exercise is for people to air their feelings on issues, and their aspirations for Canada as a nation.

The Monday Magazine issue of Feb. 7-13 contains an editorial by Sid Tafler outlining the Group Discussion process.

As the Youth Field Organizer for Vancouver Island I am your resource person to provide you with further information, discussion kits, or my moderating services.

If you are interested in participating please contact me at 744-1173.

Giovanni Puggioni

Psych-ops used against peace groups

Editors:

What is the meaning of democracy when people's lives are threatened by the authorities at peaceful, legal protests?

The war "in the Middle East" is also in Canada. Two friends and I almost became the first Canadian-based casualties of this war when run over by a Canadian military police boat February 1 in Esquimalt Harbour, around 4:30 p.m.

The three of us were exercising our legitimate right to legal and non-violent protest when run over. The young driver did not swerve away. His two whirring motors missed my face by only a few feet.

Our heinous crime was trying to talk to the American sailors who had come here for rest & relaxation from their nuclear-powered and nuclear-armed attack sub.

This life-threatening action followed a series of recent incidents discrediting the peace movement. For example, a false rumour quickly spread nationally that Victoria peace activists were harassing military families. (Peace groups were cleared of this harmful rumour by CFB Esquimalt, but not before considerable damage to their reputation.)

Pre-meditated, intimidation and rumour-mongering are called "psych-ops," or psychological operations. Psych-ops are designed to affect the way a population thinks and behaves.

Don't believe the rumours. The peace movement supports the troops, but not the war or the Mulroney government. We want the troops home alive. We will not be intimidated in the pursuit of peace.

Al Rycroft
Greater Victoria
Disarmament Group

Flak Off

Editors:

I for one have had it with the UVic flakkers. You know who you are, you're the ones who criticize the media, such as *The Martlet*, for being too radical...too radical?

The basic principles of student newspapers aim towards stretching the bounds of the dominant discourse or acceptable thought! Surely, we get enough mainstream thoughts and perspectives on what is (and is not) newsworthy from our so-called objective press.

For myself and many others, it is necessary to root out alternative press and sources just to get some depth into issues.

For example, have you ever considered that there are important historical, social, and political dimensions to the Gulf War? If you have, then you probably agree mainstream reporting of who's "good" and "evil", of who scored the latest attack, and of video replays of seemingly harmless military technology, is hardly increasing your understanding of events.

Obviously, we should be critical of reporting, be it from *The Martlet* or mainstream sources; that's part of thinking independently.

However, if *The Martlet* makes you feel uncomfortable because it raises questions in your mind or forces you to think in a different way about issues, then begin by speaking your piece, not by putting a muzzle on *The Martlet*.

Jordie Allen-Newman

Appalled student makes misinformed suggestions

Editors:

I am appalled with the amount of paper wasted by our society. I would like to put forward the following suggestion to the students so that we can all help to reduce this waste.

Set up special notice boards in campus buildings and post *The Martlet* rather than printing it in a newspaper format. I know this suggestion does not sit well with the staff of *The Martlet* but it should be offered to the students as a choice.

The present system of distributing 10,000+ copies that are then thrown in the trash or recycling bin (whether or not they have been read) is wasteful.

Most people who read *The Martlet* are on campus and could easily look at a notice board for the 10 minutes (or less) it takes to read the paper. As university students we should be conscious of our environment and not waste raw materials or create pollution needlessly.

Furthermore *The Martlet* should come clean with students and tell us how many papers are printed, how many are actually read, and how it spends the money it collects from students and advertising.

Tim Pelton

Editors note: Each week 8,000 to 10,000 copies of The Martlet are printed. The staff has attempted to have the paper printed on recycled paper, but it is presently unavailable to our printers.

The Martlet *budget is $140,000, over two-thirds of which comes from advertising and $37,000 from the Students' Society. A breakdown of how this is spent is available to anyone who asks.*

Prez says use your brains

Editors:

Here are some facts about tuition.

UVic 1990/91 Budget: $102,000,000
Students' Contribution through tuition: $16,200,000
Government Grant: $75,000,000
Internal Revenue Sources: $9,000,000

(These numbers are approximate)

There are 10,000 full-time equivalent students at UVic, which means the average grant per student from the taxpayer is $7,500. The individual's tuition is $1,620.

UVic's tuition is the lowest in B.C.

Gary Hartford, Elizabeth Loughran, Russ Williams, Kelley Abeysinghe et al believe (as does the CFS) tuition should be free.

Hey, guys, how can you expect the taxpayer of B.C. to invest in you if you are not willing to invest in yourself?

Tuition will go up. UBC increased theirs 4.5% over inflation for three years. U of Calgary will be getting a 15% increase. Dalhousie will get a 25% increase. In the NDP governed province of Ontario, all schools will get a 30% increase.

If tuition at UVic was to go up 10%, it would increase tuition by $162 for a full year — less than 50 cents a day. It would give the university an additional $1,620,000 in which to educate us.

When it comes to world peace, if you want to use your heart — go ahead. When it comes to funding education, the brain is the necessary tool to use. So use it, guys!

Howard Jampolsky, President
UVic Students' Society

Misinformed concerns given

Editors:

Nice bunch of letters. (Many of them recycled, all of them CUP members). However, the ones which extol the virtues of *The Martlet*, as far as I can make me suspect one of three things about the sponsoring papers:

1. They haven't read *The Martlet*.

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2. They are just as crappy as you are.

3. They are unaware *The Martlet* is trying to trick students into allowing *Martlet* staff to form an oligarchic form of dictatorship.

Yes, No. 3 is still the case, as Gary Hartford still refuses to divulge any details about what *Martlet* autonomy will truly mean for UVic. Until after the referendum, that is.

And yes, I am a former supporter of autonomy. I have turned because the BOD has sunk to a new low by allowing *The Martlet* to achieve autonomy without elected officials. I should point out when the BOD attempted to impose a version of autonomy with elected officials, *The Martlet* fought autonomy tooth and nail.

But I digress. I have a challenge for James McKinnon. If your autonomy is so great, then let me debate it with you _ in the next issue of *The Martlet* for everyone to see.

Shannon Mitchell
Director, UVSS

P.S. I would like to point out at this time that Reg Mitchell and I are not related (no offense meant).

Editors' Note: There will be two students elected,in campus-wide elections, to The Martlet Publishing Society's Board of Directors.

Suspicion wracks student

Editors:

Why is *The Martlet* trying to brainwash students to buy into their autonomy proposal? Since fall, we have seen many letters and editorials expounding the virtues of autonomy while virtually no opposition against it.

We have not seen any details, but are told by *The Martlet* to trust them for they know what's good for us! It seems *The Martlet* is following the steps of its sister paper (Pravda) by keeping us in step with the party line. What's *The Martlet*'s hidden agenda?!!

Martlet Autonomy is an attempt by the newspaper to centralize their power and release themselves from the burden of accountability!

By taking money directly from students' pockets thus becoming autonomous, they are no longer accountable to the elected student representatives! The Students' Society supports autonomy because they will save over $30,000 which would have otherwise gone to *The Martlet* each year. It's just a coincidence that the UVSS is over $30,000 in debt! How convenient!

If *The Martlet* really wants autonomy, they should not do it thru the pocketbooks of students. We don't need another white elephant like the CFS! Come voting time in March, tell *The Martlet* where to go!

Troy J. DeSouza
Past Director, UVSS

P.S. Please stop those patronizing letters supporting autonomy. What do you think we are? SHEEP!

Skydivers had fun

Editors:

The UVic Skydiving Club held its First Annual Student Tournament Feb. 16, and as anyone present could attest, a great time was had by all. Eighteen students, most making their second or third jump, competed.

The meet was a big success and lots of fun, mostly thanks to a lot of hard work by local skydivers in training, coaching, packing parachutes, and jumpmastering.

The winner of the best overall student was Davis Lindsay with 27.5 out of a possible 30 points, who won 50% off a gear bag from Flying High. The best aircraft exit was made by Gord Peng, who won 25% off a Protec helmet from Ocean River Sports.

Richard Wimmer landed closest to the target, winning a free jump from Ultimate High Parachute Center. The best landing went to Marc Boucher, who won a great t-shirt donated by HtO.

Our best student of the year was Shannon Hammersly, who could not compete because he has made too many jumps. This budding skygod won 50% off a custom jumpsuit by Wannabee Jumpsuits. Thanks also to Coca-Cola and McDonald's for their contributions.

Congratulations to all of those students who competed. While not everyone could win a prize, everyone scored well, setting an excellent precedent for UVic skydivers of the future. We hope to see you all out again soon. Blue skies.

Laura Smith
Tracy Sexton
Bronwen Lewis
Skydiving Club Executive

Student angered by shower proposition

Editors:

The Martlet's Valentine Issue, which was "dedicated in some way to gay and lesbian issues," left me with mixed emotions. As a straight, heterosexual male I definitely do not support a gay or lesbian lifestyle. On the other hand, I believe gays or lesbians should be able to live their own lifestyle, in public, without being ostracized socially.

I do take exception to the fact some gays seem to take advantage of shower facilities that allow them to check out the bodies of the same sex that they prefer. I think it is rude, ignorant, and distasteful to have another nude male proposition you while you are taking a shower. At other times, I've had guys stare at me throughout my shower. I mean it was goddamned obvious. It the guy wasn't "checking me out," then what was he doing? Studying my shampooing technique?

This type of activity does nothing to endear the gay community to those of us who are straight males. Is it any wonder some of us feel like expressing our dislike in a violent, physical manner. The gay who propositioned me would have had his teeth sticking out the back of his neck but who needs the hassle of an assault charge. Showers, from what I was taught, were meant for showering, not picking up guys or staring in a sexual manner at their cocks or butts.

I realize not all gays take advantage of the open nudity that presents itself in a shower environment.

Those should keep their eyes to themselves and simply shower. If some of you think my beef is petty or xenophobic, then maybe you should experience it first-hand and then decide. I wonder where, "Don't drop the soap," came from? Hmmm....

Greg Lewis

Women's Centre supports natives

Editors:

We, the University of Victoria Women's Centre Collective, fully support the Lil'wat Band in your struggle in defending native lands and people against the continually reprehensible actions of the state.

The women's movement must finally and fundamentally set aside any white middle class bias and address the atrocities inflicted upon Native people. Aboriginal women profoundly bear the brunt of poverty, racism, and genocide in Canada. We further recognize the need to address these injustices rooted in the economic system.

In order to overcome this oppression, people in society must not be divided. We must act in solidarity, presenting clear opposition to the status quo.

The UVic Women's Centre Collective

Nursing school to investigate high grades

Editors:

As Registered Nurses and Bachelor of Science in Nursing Candidates, we are committed to high standards. Having completed the National Registered Nurses examinations with above average scores, we are now continuing our education at the University of Victoria. Our return to school is on our own initiative, motivated by the goal of enhancing our nursing practice.

The University of Victoria's Senate Committee on Academic Standards published an interuniversity comparison of grades annually. The 1990 report shows a dramatic increase of first class marks awarded by the School of Nursing. Currently the Nursing Faculty is preparing an investigative report on the grades. This document will be presented to the Dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Development. Once the variables are delineated an accurate analysis of the marks can be made.

We support this action and are willing to assist in the monitoring of our school. It is our hope the outcome will result in the continuance of excellent academic standards.

The Student Association of Registered Nurses

Western media biased against South Africa

Editors:

The way the western media covers events in South Africa is disgusting. The western media does not give us a true picture of what is happening in South Africa. I come from South Africa and am shocked by the puerility exhibited by both the print and broadcast media.

The media chooses what type of information its clientele should know and which it shouldn't.

For instance, there is little or nothing reported about the Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO) and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC). Too much coverage is given to the ANC.

AZAPO, PAC and the ANC are to black South Africans what the Progressive Conservative Party, the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party are to Canadians. Now why should the western media deny AZAPO and the PAC coverage?

Are people in the western world not entitled to know every facet of the struggle for liberation in South Africa? The ANC cannot be taken as the prototype of black

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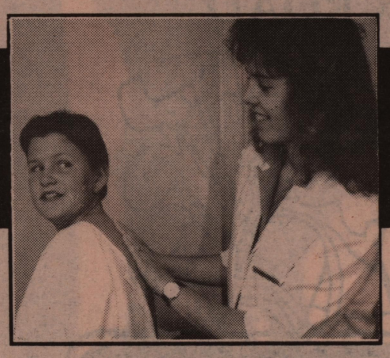

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political groups in South Africa because there are fundamental differences between it and other groups. Moreover the ANC reneged from its original commitment.

The western media is not the appropriate institution to decide which organization should speak on behalf of the oppressed people of South Africa.

I am appealing to Canadian students to fight this injustice perpetrated on the people of South Africa by the media. Do whatever you can to see to it this practice is stopped.

I have tried to write to Press Councils and CRTC but all was in vain. What is worse is television stations do not even care to respond even when they have been instructed by CRTC to do so. Your many voices and writings would make a difference.

Sam Ditshego

Tuition may soon rise

Editors:

Tuition will probably be raised again, courtesy of the government appointed Board of Directors, by March 18. It could be as much as 10 per cent or more. Can you afford this? If you can, consider the thousands of people who don't attend because they find the financial barriers to university too great.

On March 5, as representatives of the Student Issues Action Committee of the UVSS Board of Directors, we will be asking the finance committee of the Board of Governors to halt its continued financial attack on students.

Over the past 10 years, we have paid for skyrocketing tuition increases well beyond the rate of inflation. Meanwhile the provincial government has drastically decreased its investment in real dollars towards post-secondary education.

Instead of demanding the government give more money, the Board of Governors takes money from the students by raising fees. They are taking money from those who can least afford it. Obviously they have no concept of the poverty many students live in. By doing this, the BoG is helping to create an elitist institution where only the rich can afford to get an education.

By the year 2,000, over 60 percent of the jobs in B.C. will require a university degree. Think about it.

Oona Padgham, Director
Marne Jensen, Director

Apology made for hateful jokes

Editors:

On February 16, a band member was late arriving for our show so the other members of the band, on their own volition and without authority or approval from Felicita's management team, decided to have an open mike session in order to fill some time.

A women accepted this invitation and proceeded to tell an offensive joke.

Although the joke appealed to a few homophobics in the audience, by and large the audience found this woman's sense of humour disgusting. I applaud the audience's response in "Boo-ing" this woman off the stage and getting your message across to this woman that this type of hateful discrimination is unacceptable.

On behalf of the staff, the management and the Society as a whole, I apologize to all those who were subjected to this 'joke.' We try very hard to be a progressive organization and feel very strongly discrimination has no place in the Student Union Building or in our work place.

Kerry Hall-Jardine
Food and Beverage Division Manager

Autonomy increases responsibility

Editors:

Just thought I'd add my two cents of support for your autonomy drive.

Having financial autonomy doesn't mean having the freedom to be irresponsible. It means you can exercise editorial freedom without your student union tightening the screws of financial censorship.

Barely a week goes by that I don't hear of another council telling a student newspaper what it can or can't print. Student papers are funded by students and should served those students _ and others _ not their elected "leaders." Without autonomy, UVic students can't be sure the paper they paid for is free to report on the politicians they elected.

Good luck and keep them on their toes.

Jeff Harrington
Atlantic Bureau Chief
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Comedians thank students

Editors:

We wanted to express our appreciation for the promotion you gave to our last show on Feb. 16. If you had the chance to see us live we hope you enjoyed the evening and if not we hope you are able to come out to our next production.

In addition to expressing our gratitude we wish to pass along the following announcement as a reminder for our upcoming production on March 2.

"The IMPROMANIACS throw caution to the wind for another evening of comedy theatre with a twist. Join them as they present their own brand of on-the-spot audience-suggestion theatre (Ostriches in Antarctica, Venusian Party Rituals, and Car Tire Bleaching). Action begins at 9:00 p.m. in Fisher 100 on the Lansdowne Campus of Camosun College. Tickets at the door, $5 and $4."

Once again, thank you for all your support in helping us develop improv theatre in Victoria. We hope you are able to join us on March 2. If you would like any further information please contact our Program Director, Erin Scott, at 386-9546.

The Impromaniacs

It is time for autonomy

Editors:

I support *The Martlet*'s current autonomy drive. In the last 10 years, *The Martlet* has been one of the most consistently organised and well-reasoned voices on behalf of UVic students. *The Martlet* is respected by other student papers and groups across Canada, and it's about time it joined the ranks of autonomous papers like the *McGill Daily*, the *Charlatan* at Carleton University, and the *Varsity* at the University of Toronto.

The Martlet is a strong member of Canadian University Press and is represented by Campus Plus for national advertising. Being involved in these organisations has helped *The Martlet* staff become more accountable to students and developed their financial stability.

The majority of *The Martlet*'s budgeted revenue currently comes from advertising (local and national) and autonomy would not change this. Student papers who become autonomous become more financially conservative because they do not have the Student Union to depend on any more.

The Martlet staff have studied the mistakes made in past autonomy drives, and learned from those mistakes.

It is time *The Martlet* take that next step, and become autonomous. Ironically, many of the arguments used against granting *The Martlet* autonomy were also used in the 50s and 60s against student unions gaining autonomy from university administrations.

I urge UVic students to support *Martlet* autonomy on March 14 and 15. It's the right time.

Patty Archer
(former *Martlet* co-editor)

Held letters anger student

Editors:

In the February 14 issue of *The Martlet* there are 20 letters to the editors. Thirteen of these are from various student newspapers across Canada and refer to *The Martlet*'s bid for autonomy.

Letters written by UVic students were "held for space." The Letters to the Editors space is a forum for the 14000+ students at UVic who are paying for *The Martlet* out of their own pockets.

The letters must not be used as an editorial sounding board for previously stated *Martlet* positions, with UVic students getting only 35 per cent of the space.

One common complaint of *Martlet* staff is people tend only to read the letters before they recycle their copy.

If this unprofessional ballot box stuffing continues people won't even open *The Martlet* as far as the letters page. Print UVic students' letters first, and save the opinion of your fellow editorialists for "next week."

Geordie Birch

Editors' note: Letters are printed in the order received.

Courtesy appreciated

Editors:

I wish to express my gratitude to two very kind and considerate young girls who are students at UVic. One kindly guided us to a concert and later another assisted us back to our parked car.

We are both seniors who appreciated the attention given by these young people who went out of their way on our behalf.

Gladys Cummins

Coverage draws complaint

Editors:

Your coverage the Law Student Society petition for a constitutional amendment which would effectively seperate the LSS from the Student Society (sic).

First, you failed to mention the BOD only advertised the date of the General Meeting after the deadline to submit material passed. The minutes in which the motion setting the date of the General meeting passed still have not been made public. How could the vast majority of students (who are not political hacks) initiate a grassroots proposal to help improve their Student Society when the BOD's incompetence prevents them.

Second, you parrot the V.P. Services comment that the LSS would require the administration's permission to seperate. A little journalistic digging would have revealed that administration wants any initiative approved by the students before they consider a request. You should have realised the BOD would be more interested in the fees they are taking from the Law students than the rights of students.

George S. Pringle
Chair, Student Senate Caucus

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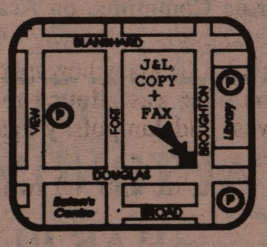

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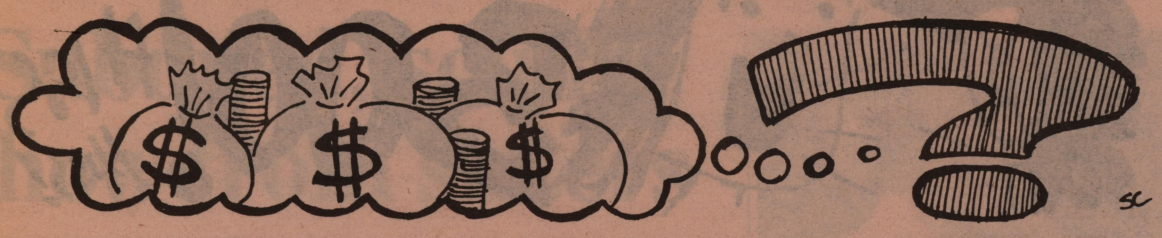

Grad class money fuss

by Sherryl Yeager

Open anger and hostility over how $15,000 was allocated by the graduation committee of the class of 1991 marked the beginning of the Students' Society board meeting February 26.

Dave Bate, committee president, told the board that $9,000 will go towards an endowment for a social justice speaker series in the law faculty.

Bursary endowments of $2,500 each for women's and environmental studies will also be created. In addition, $1,000 will be donated towards a bursary fund in memory of Keltie Byrne, a UVic student who died Feb. 20 in an accident at Sealand.

"We made every effort to bring people into the fold ... And we are not bound to advertise"

The decision on how the money was to be dispersed was made by the committee, composed of Bate, Robert Blazek and Students' Society President Howard Jampolsky, with input from Director Claire Heffernan and student Nettie Hayter.

Bate said although the meeting where the committee would be struck was advertised, only Blazek attended.

"We made every effort to bring people into the fold. Last year we spent $800 advertising in *The Martlet* and only 12 bought tickets for the social. And we are not bound to advertise in the *Martlet*," said Bate.

Two ads advertising the graduating class general meeting were placed in the paper this year, one of which ran on the actual day of the meeting. The ads did not advertise the $15,000 in dispersements would be made by the committee.

There are about 1,700 graduating students this year, and any who paid their $10 grad class fee could have taken part in the committee meeting.

Heffernan questioned the process by which the committee is supposed to be struck.

It is the responsibility of the Society's president to establish interest through advertising for graduating students. Once they have gotten together, steps for advertising a general meeting are left up to them, said Jampolsky.

Jampolsky said he and Bates, who was also president last year, met and decided the university's list of 1,700 graduating students was proof of interest, and the general meeting advertisement would be sufficient.

"Have you postered? Have you used leaflets? Have you tried meeting in a more public place than Howard's (Jampolsky) office?" asked Russ Williams, vice-president services.

Bates said no, and noted the grad meeting held earlier that day (in Jampolsky's office) was for the committee only.

Heffernan and Hayter were told they could not vote when the committee was naming the endowments at this meeting because they are not graduating this school year.

Heffernan is graduating in November, which puts her into the class of 1992, Blazek said.

"I'm very upset I was told I couldn't have a vote after being involved in the process this far," she said.

Pointed questions about Jampolsky's money and vacation time stuck out during question period.

"If you have problems with involvement, why are you kicking people off the committee?" Williams asked.

Bate said grad class' constitution said only graduating students can vote.

"Because of the low numbers we welcomed all input. Those people couldn't vote, but they weren't denied a voice."

Bate said the originally suggested names were John Defienbaker (social justice), Nellie McClung (women's studies) and Roderick Haig-Brown (environmental studies). He said the committee decided only the names of retired or deceased people should be used.

Because of concerns raised by Heffernan on behalf of the environmental and women's studies departments, these two will be decided upon by the committee on March 1.

Heffernan said the departments would prefer the bursaries be named after the people who established the programs at UVic.

The board requested a copy of the constitution be forwarded to them so the procedures could be examined. Bate said although the committee was not obligated to do so, he would provide a copy.

He also suggested arrangements such as the endowment funds and social, presently done by the grad class committee, should be turned over to the administration. This would ensure student apathy did not adversely affect the process, and depoliticize the dispersement issue, he said.

Question period

Money and President Howard Jampolsky were the big topics during question period, a portion of the meeting where the board members can get up close and frank with each other.

"Since fraternities are not a recognized group on campus, I hope calls made to the fraternity headquarters in the States on your phone will be paid for," Gary Hartford, vice-president finance, asked Jampolsky.

Jampolsky, a member of Phi Delta Upsilon, said the calls would be paid for by the appropriate parties.

"I also wonder if you are going to make the allocation you promised to UVic daycare? I understand the daycare board are getting quite anxious and wondering if they are going to get any money," Hartford said.

Jampolsky promised to donate his salary to the UVic administration as part of his election campaign, but later decided on the daycare.

"It will be handled," said Jampolsky.

Russ Williams, vice-president services, asked Jampolsky if a trip he took to central and eastern Canada last week was vacation time.

Jampolsky said yes. Williams asked if he knew how much vacation time was allotted to executives, and Jampolsky again said yes.

"You are allowed two weeks. You've exceeded that. Were you on pay for the last week?"

Jampolsky refused to answer the question, stating it offended him.❑

World's Fair celebrates half-century of oppression

by Anne McKinnell

Part of the age of discovery theme for the 1992 World's Fair is a celebration of the 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in America. But for native people in Canada the world exposition in Seville, Spain, is nothing to celebrate.

Larry Guno, a native New Democrat MLA in Atlin (a constituency in northwestern B.C.), said the 1992 World's Fair will serve only to commemorate 500 years of native oppression.

"People must ask themselves why, after 500 years, have the western notions of individual rights, equality and all those wonderful values failed so totally to improve the conditions of life among the aboriginal communities," said Guno.

As a result, native people want Canada to boycott the fair, which runs from April 20 to October 12, 1992.

"We're still talking about self-government, there are still questions about whether we have the right to self-government or the capacity to govern ourselves despite thousands of years of evidence," said Guno.

"It is a perfect time for aboriginal people to focus attention on these questions by boycotting the World's Fair.

"I think there will be an overall public understanding that native people do not want to celebrate an event that destroyed systematically our institutions of government, society and culture."

Alex Jamieson, a native student and member of UVic Students for Aboriginal Rights, said it would just be a symbolic gesture for Canada to boycott the fair.

"We must try to dispel the belief that when the rival community arrived they saved us from being savages," said Jamieson.

"We can understand why they would want to celebrate 500 years since arriving on this land and exploiting the people here for their own economic greed.

"It's a real slap in the face for native people to hear that our oppressors are having a party to celebrate killing our people and committing cultural genocide through the use of force."

In the same year aboriginal people in North and South America will be holding their own event, a conference to discuss the impact white people have had on natives in both areas, Jamieson said.❑

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won't escape. It would make the land uninhabitable for decades."

She called this and the bombing in the region of the Tigris and Euphrates underground river systems, "an attempt by the U.S. to impoverish the people of these nations, so they are forced to rely on U.S. grain."

The world must overcome its reliance on oil and focus on conservation and renewable energy, Porcher said. "It has made us dependant and vulnerable and desperately reactive.

"We have to be committed to a new world order where war is not considered a solution."❑

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NEWS

Student addresses put on open market

by Sherryl Yeager

Students who are the target of direct-mail marketing schemes may be wondering how the companies involved got their addresses and date of graduation.

It is against university policy to give out this information, but there are conflicting stories about how it could have been obtained.

General Motors is running a $750 rebate offer to graduating students, which is mailed in a package directly to their homes.

I wish they would sell the lists . . . as a potential source of revenue.

"I just assumed the university had sold my name and address," said a graduating student who did not want to be identified.

"That would be a pretty money-grubbing thing to do. I pay far too much for my education and with my diploma I get a legacy of junk mail."

Cled Thomas, UVic's administrative registrar, said his office would be the origin of any lists containing this type of information, and it is confidential. He said it is university policy not to release names and addresses to a private company.

"There are a number of items that are classified as confidential. Addresses are one, obviously people don't want their addresses given out for a number of reasons.

"I'd really be interested to find out how they got those names," he said. "We do get requests like that, and the answer is always no."

Representatives from GM were apprehensive to reveal where they received the list of names from, and said the marketing promotion is handled by their advertising agency, Maclaren Lintas in Toronto.

A Maclaren Lintas representative was also hesitant about the issue, but said the lists are bought from another group, Clegg Campus Marketing.

David Carin, a sales promotion director for Clegg, said the lists are obtained from previous subscription information.

Students who have taken advantage of the magazine discount offers or Campus Grad Kits, which contain credit card applications, are put on a mail-order list because they respond to this type of promotion, said Carin.

I'm completely skeptical they got that information from a subscriber.

They are asked their approximate date of graduation when applying for subscriptions, and this information is put into a database.

But the student said he has never subscribed to a magazine, has no credit cards and has never picked up a Grad Kit.

"I'm completely skeptical they got that information from a magazine subscription."

The package was sent to the student's parents in Vancouver, which has been his permanent address on university forms until recently.

Carin, however, also said the university will not sell the lists.

"But I wish they would. I wish the registrars would use the list of students as a potential source of revenue, to help reduce their costs."

A list of names such as this would be worth about $100 for 1,000 names, to be used in one mail-out, Carin said, and sold about six times a year.

There are about 1,700 graduating students at UVic this year.❑

Sexist humor at Felicita's offends audience and staff

by Alisa Gordaneer

An impromptu open-mike session in Felicita's last Saturday raised concerns about homophobia and reinforced a previous decision not to hold comedy acts in the bar.

The incident occurred when one of Sun Dog Sun's band members was late arriving for the show. The band decided to fill time before their performance by handing over the mike to the audience.

"Someone got up and told a fag joke," said James Cavalluzzo, a SUB employee who witnessed the incident.

The would-be comedienne was booed off the stage by most of the people in Felicita's and returned to her table.

"They were so embarrassed that they left" said Tina Webber, a Felicita's staffer.

The band apologized afterward, saying the joke didn't reflect their own views.

Open mike sessions are discouraged because of similar incidences of, "sexist jokes, the type of humour that abounds in bars," said Webber.

"That's exactly why we don't have comedy this year," said Kerry Hall-Jardine, Food and Beverage Division Manager. "A couple staff members were offended."

Stand-up comedy has been offered in the past, but has not been featured at Felicita's since March 1989, when Hall-Jardine took over.

Cavalluzzo complained about the joke-teller to Andy Reinhardt, the Food and Beverage Assistant Manager.

"He chose not to ask her to leave. He felt that responsibility was with the band because they gave her the opportunity," said Cavalluzzo.

"These incidences contribute to the atmosphere I work in, and that's harassment. Not just the harassment of one person being targetted, but it creates a hostile environment. I think Kerry is really taking it seriously."

Cavalluzzo also mentioned an incident of an off-duty staff member complaining about the *Martlet*'s Gay and Lesbian issue.

"We're having a staff meeting to discuss the issue."

The SUB employees' collective agreement has a policy against harassment.

"Homophobia is only one type of harassment."❑

Law society proposes committee

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Williams said course unions are not being properly utilized, and a collective course union would be an advantage to many.

"It would help to have more input. It would help us (UVSS) and help the university,"said Williams.

Williams said an idea would be to insert some sort of course union council into the UVSS constitution so that the vice-president academic would regularly chair the already existing course union council.

The only problem Williams has is this council becoming a duplication of the UVSS.

Both Williams and Jampolsky expressed the need for course unions to get information as well as for the unions to send any wants or needs back to the UVSS.

Jampolsky also sees course union representation in the UVSS as a possibility.

"So it'll be stuff that actually comes from this campus, not any nonsense from the CFS," he said.

Jampolsky said funding would be a better concept for course unions to deal with.

"You would see money staying where it should."

After the initial meeting of course unions sometime in mid-March the conclusions will be forwarded by Jampolsky to James Griffith, director of Student and Ancillary Services. ❑

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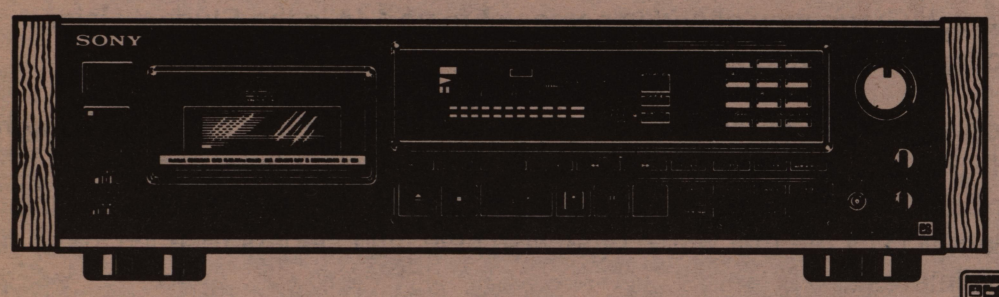

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Appealing is Hell

by Oliver Ho

Horror stories surround every bureaucracy, as two UVic students who tried to appeal their grades discovered.

In the 1990-91 UVic calendar, it says: "Students who have grounds for believing themselves unjustly treated within the University are encouraged to seek all appropriate avenues of redress or appeal open to them."

One student who did not want to be identified tried to appeal a grade he recieved and after refusals from his professor, department head, and faculty chair that took over two months to receive, he tried to make an appeal to the Senate.

Through correspondence with the Senate Secretary's office in November and December, 1990, he agreed to a meeting sometime between Jan. 15-30, 1991.

He received a special delivery letter on Jan. 31 stating his meeting was on Jan. 8 and he should not be late. He called the next day to reschedule, and was told he was too late.

The student, who has since found work out of the country, was trying to appeal a failing grade recieved for a course he needed to graduate. It took so long to happen he found work instead.

His appeal has been tentatively scheduled for the end of February.

Roxanne Delorme missed a class presentation in spring, 1990, because she was sick. It was worth 15 per cent of her grade, and her professor said she would lose that much from her final grade.

After she complained to her professor, she was told her grade would still lose 15 per cent, so she talked to the Chair of her department, who stood by her professor's decision. The Assistant Dean of her faculty also said nothing could be done.

Frustrated, Delorme went to Charlene Simon, the ombudsperson, who sent a memo to the Dean of Delorme's Faculty explaining her problem.

After the professor, ombudsperson, and dean talked with each other, the Dean and ombudsperson agreed with the professor's decision.

"All in all, it has taken about eight months," said Delorme. "It's really frustrating.

"In my view, the procedure for appeal is a long, lengthy process which is not designed to help the student making the appeal ... In my case, I was fortunate enough to be able to afford this time frame due to my not graduating that year.

"The advice I would give students is that if they are planning to appeal a decision by a professor they should take the time involved into account."

There are two different procedures for appealing a grade. The first is to file a formal request for a grade review, which the Ombudsperson, Charlene Simon, can help with.

The department chair would have an unbiased third person grade the student's work (with no identifying marks on it). The reviewed grade, whether it is higher or equal to the original, is considered the final grade by the university.

The second method of appeal is to go to the Senate Committee on Appeals.

If students are planning to appeal a decision by a professor they should take the time involved into account.

"The Senate committee is more to do with policy and procedural grades than the content of a particular paper or piece of work," said Simon.

"I certainly hear more than one or two complaints about grades ... (and) I have seen one go on to the Senate committee on appeals."

In that case, the committee didn't change the student's grade, but recognized the professor made a policy violation.

Over the calendar year, about 75-100 students make formal requests for a grade review, said David Glen, director of Records Services.

"Normally it's settled at the departmental level," he said. "It's rare that it goes that far (to Senate)."

He said there is no average time for a grade appeal; some happen very fast, some take months.

Even though there is an official route for students to take to review a grade, they should first go to their professor, said Bob Willihnganz, director of Counselling Services.

"It's a whole lot easier usually to begin with the professor. Some students simply have not asked the professor why."

He said it's relatively common for students to come to counselling services wondering how to question a grade.

He usually tells students to ask their professor to review their grade, then to bring their concerns to their department's chair if that fails.

After that, students should go to the ombudsperson, he said.

"The students I've worked with have found it went along okay.

"(But) what we've seen here is that students have lost a sense of the grading system and they expect A's and B's ... There's a loss of sense of what a grade means. A grade is just a rough index."

Professors aren't perfect. They perform inconsistently sometimes.

He blamed the high expectations on grade inflation in some faculties, and for unrealistic grading in high schools.

Students are worried when they get a C, but that is "still a solid grade," he said.

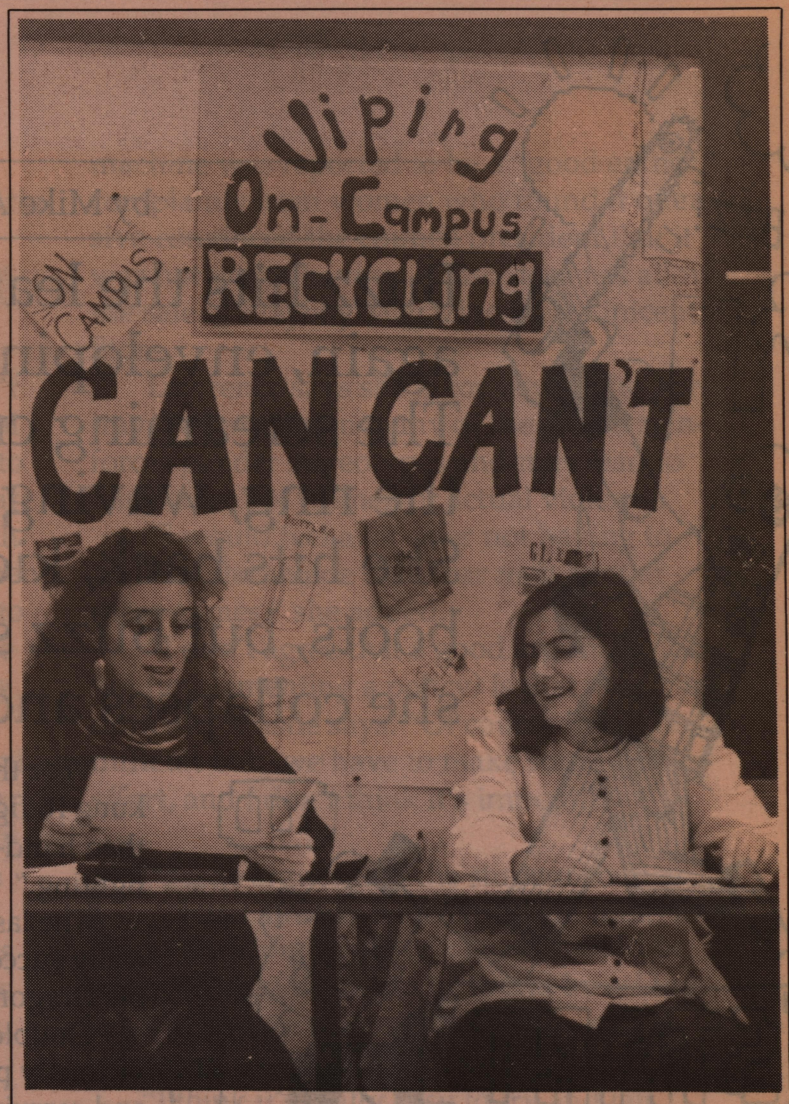
Despite all of the bureaucracy, students should still thoroughly examine their grades, say Simon and Elizabeth Loughran, vice-president academic for the Students' Society.

There is a Senate committee on Academic Standards currently examining grading practises on campus.

"Professors aren't perfect ... (they) perform inconsistently sometimes," said Loughran."Students are wise to double-check how professors are marking them.

"Students should be supported in interpreting their grades," she said. "Their concerns shouldn't be disregarded by any professional on campus.

"In bureaucracies, mistakes happen. We've got to watch out for ourselves." ❑



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by Mike Adler Canadian University Press

Buzz hits the leather-clad woman again and again, enveloping her head in a haze of blood. The screaming crowd pushes her back into the ring, waving money and pumping fists. She hits back, kicks with her high-heeled boots, but Buzz stabs her with a knife until she collapses and turns a pale grey — dead.

Cut to the next scene: Buzz is raised on a forklift while fanatical followers rave in the background. As money piles at his feet, he receives a "brutality bonus" for his latest match.

Welcome to the world of Pit-Fighter, a video game at a Carleton University arcade.

As digital sound and digitized pictures increase realism, video games Canadian students play are becoming more violent — especially towards women. Games have been removed from Carleton and other universities across the country, and at least one student government now has a strong policy against violent games.

If you're killing something or if you're shooting something, then that's violence

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How did we get from Space Invaders and Asteroids to fighting with knives and bludgeoning with iron pipes?

"That's the culture of the kids these days, that's what they're into," says Mary Fujihara, a public relations officer for Atari Games in Sunnyvale, Calif., the company which makes Pit-Fighter.

"We don't emphasize it (in our games), but if you look at any arcade, you'll see a good percentage of them being kick-punch, hand-to-hand combat games."

Karate Champ, the first of these "hand-to-hand" games, was an unqualified success several years ago, Fujihara says. On its screen, identical human figures use standard karate movements to score points, which are announced by a short, cartoonish judge with a fan. Winning players are visited at the end of a match by a small female figure with a heart overhead.

"For three years there was nothing but kung fu fighter games," says Fujihara, "and then hand-to-hand went on to become street-fighting."

The last fighting game to become especially successful, she says, was Taito's Double Dragon, introduced three years ago.

Double Dragon begins with a man viciously punching a woman in the stomach and carrying her off. To "get her back", players use their figures, Hammer and Spike, to punch and kick their way through an army of men and women. Both sides can use assorted weapons — knives, barrels, baseball bats, and hooks. If two players are left alive after killing the woman's abductors, they must pummel each other to be the sole recipient of her love, while she remains bound, suspended from the ceiling of a room by a rope.

The game was banned from a college pub at the University of Toronto in 1988, after student councillors responded to complaints that it was sexist and needlessly violent. It seems very popular at Carleton, however — judging from its year-long stay at the residence arcade — and it has recently been joined by Capcom USA's Final Fight, a newer and even more violent cousin.

In almost every video game in Carleton's arcades, women are either victims to be retrieved or amazons to be slaughtered. In contrast, the images players control are usually male.

Fujihara defends the use of "Angel," the female opponent in Pit-Fighter, saying it is part of the game's fantasy of "underground fighting" and no one has complained to Atari about it.

"She's just another character," says Trevor Ydreos, a first-year arts student who claims to have defeated all his imaginary opponents in Pit-Fighter. He added he doesn't feel differently about the woman than any other character in the game.

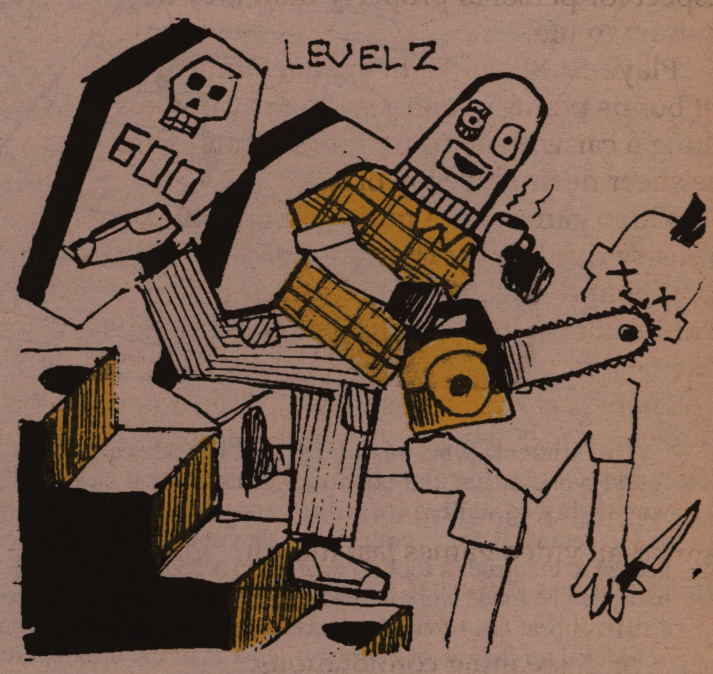
"We put (her) in there because we've heard kids say that they need to fight girls, or (to) be a girl and fight guys or other girls," Fujihara says. "It's not a sexist thing to them. They see (the woman) as a fighter, but they almost think it's funny that it's a lady, and she's fighting them."

Other, similar representations of women in video games aren't hard to find.

Players of Golden Axe must hack at blonde amazons to reach their goal. If they die, the amazons fall over with a groan. If they kill a player, they stand and laugh, breasts shaking above tightly-laced corsets.

Before firing a replica gun at as many of the "enemy" as possible in Operation Wolf, players watch non-combatants, such as crying women and nurses with stretchers, parade out and ask not to be shot. If they are shot, however, it makes no real difference to the player's main objective, which is to get as far as possible through the game's sequence.

Crime Fighters pits players against the



usual assortment of inner-city goons and whip-wielding, leather-clad women. Their goal is to kill a man who is a kidnapper or pimp. What is unclear is whether the group of women behind bars in the game's final sequence are free to go, or if they are now prisoners of the players.

Most games now accept extra quarters to extend play after a player has been defeated, leaving a task unfinished. In Toki, a woman appears and pleads for life as a clock runs out, choking back animated tears running down her face.

"If you don't keep playing, I'll be killed," her speech balloon reads. Players who respond by quickly inserting a quarter can continue their game; those who do not, condemn the woman to death.

Character background and storyline are receiving more attention in fighting games, Fujihara says, because players who watch action movies want similar characters and

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goals.

Final Fight features a lengthy prologue, complete with personal profiles of its three male "heroes," Cody, Guy, and Mike Haggar, and their justification for a rampage — to rescue their sweetheart or friend or daughter, and to make an army of thugs "pay."

Even the thugs have names, including one who strongly resembles professional wrestler Andre the Giant.

Pit-Fighter is preceded by digitized sequences showing characters Buzz, Ty, and Kato doing things such as performing Tai Chi on a mountaintop and knocking other men's heads together before fighting to the death for money.

"The graphics are better (than those in Double Dragon)," Ydreos says of Pit-Fighter. "It's more like a movie."

If you look at any arcade, you'll see a good percentage of the games being kick-punch, hand-to-hand combat

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Despite the vigilante role often encouraged for the players, the games do not seem to communicate a greater respect for personal property than they do for human life.

Players of Final Fight are encouraged to get bonus points in one sequence by demolishing a car with an iron pipe, seemingly for the sheer destructive joy of it.

Video games are a multi-billion dollar industry these days. They are tremendously popular and very profitable, attractive to students and cash-starved student governments alike.

There is at least one student government, however, which has a policy barring violent video games from its campus. The University of Winnipeg student council effectively banned all video games last month, "for which players commit violence against human images, (or) which include sexist, racist, or demeaning connotations."

The policy allows games already on the campus to be "phased out" over a one-year period.

"The promotion of violence doesn't really belong in an intellectual setting (like a university)," says U of W council president Kyle Briggs, who doesn't think the association should "be making money off of violence. If students still want the violent games, he added, they can go to off-campus arcades instead.

Kelley Castle, coordinator of Carleton's Women's Centre, agrees with the University of Winnipeg ban, arguing that video games are getting more violent because people want them that way.

"I think it's obvious that not only do we get desensitized to whatever forms of violence we start off with and we want more, but also there is the increasing prevalence of women being the object of the violence," she says.

Castle says this violence will worsen as women make advances in education and non-traditional jobs and men feel their "privileges" are being threatened.

Carleton's student governments don't have policies dealing with video games, according to council administration vice-president Miranda Lawrence, who doesn't think the U of W council policy is practical enough to work at Carleton. It's difficult to find a precise definition of which games are offensive, she says, but agreed games with graphic violence or violence against women should be removed. Currently, decisions to remove individual video games under the council's jurisdiction can only be made by the president.

During the last year, Carleton's council acted to remove games twice after people complained — once from the association's Unicentre Arcade, and once from Oliver's pub.

Match 'em Up, the pub game, displays various body parts, a whip, and the words "beat me" and "deep throat" on its screen.

Playboy's 35th Anniversary, a pinball machine removed from the Unicentre Arcade, flashes suggestive messages and moans electronically when balls hit certain triggers on its playing surface. Though the machine was reported to be a "good earner," complaints from women who found it offensive convinced the council president that it was not worth having. It also does not allow the sale of Playboy Magazine in its Unicentre Store.

Lawrence says she is convinced the portrayal of women in many of the games reinforces gender stereotypes and may lead to harassment of women or actual violence.

"I would feel a lot safer not having to walk by the arcade and hear men hoot at these games," she added.

"I don't agree that a good argument for not (implementing a policy) is that it will be difficult," Castle says. "Of course it will be difficult but...we have to make some kind of effort, and I don't think it's impossible."

Castle argues that the student council must already have criteria in mind for deciding whether a game should be removed, and more can be found by asking knowledgeable women what is sexist, and women of color what is racist.

"I think it's really easy to try and tell whether there is violence involved in (a video game)," she says. "If you're killing something or if you're shooting something, then that's violence."

It's here but it's easy to change:

UVic Ultra-Violence

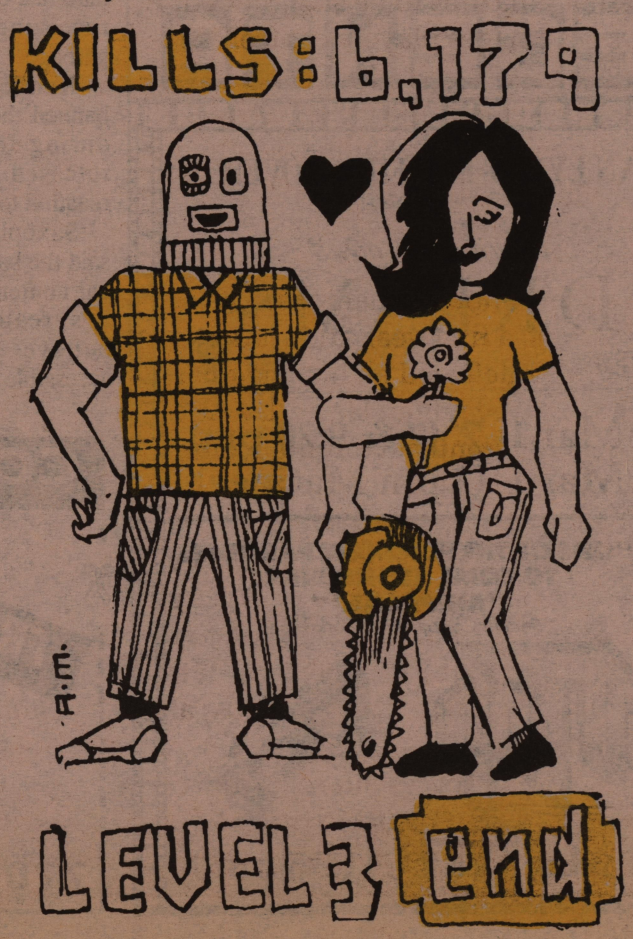
by Oliver Ho

Video violence occurs daily at UVic, but students have direct and easy control over offensive games.

"If there's a problem we can do something about it," said Brian Webster, administrative co-ordinator for the Student Union Building.

Louis Vending brings in the video and pinball games, and have an understanding about what games are usually unacceptable on campus, said Webster.

"They decide on the basis of how used they are when to rotate them. But we can veto a machine if we want to."



Unfortunately, the majority of games to choose from are ultra-violent and sexist.

"We have very little to choose from when it comes to video games," said Elizabeth Loughran, vice-president academic for the Students' Society and an active member of the Women's Centre.

"Out of the five or six games down there there's one that could be considered very sexist (Golden Axe), but compared to the ones that aren't down there it isn't as sexist."

Last year, the Board of Directors passed a motion to make sure the games were not sexist or violent. This year, however, there have not been any complaints about the games.

"It was raised before, sort of informally," said Russ Williams, vice-president services for the Students' Society. "People have suggested it, and definitely we should look at changing them.

"If people have a problem with a game we should change them."

One of the plans for an expanded SUB is to have a larger games area.

"It was raised once at a SUB expansion meeting ... that the focus should be on pool tables," said Williams.

Loughran said it was made clear at an early SUB expansion meeting to ensure the games area has an accommodating atmosphere for women and men, with a minimal amount of cliche "male team symbols."

Students concerned about the games can speak to people in the Resource Centre or to John Robinson, the retail operations manager for the SUB.❑

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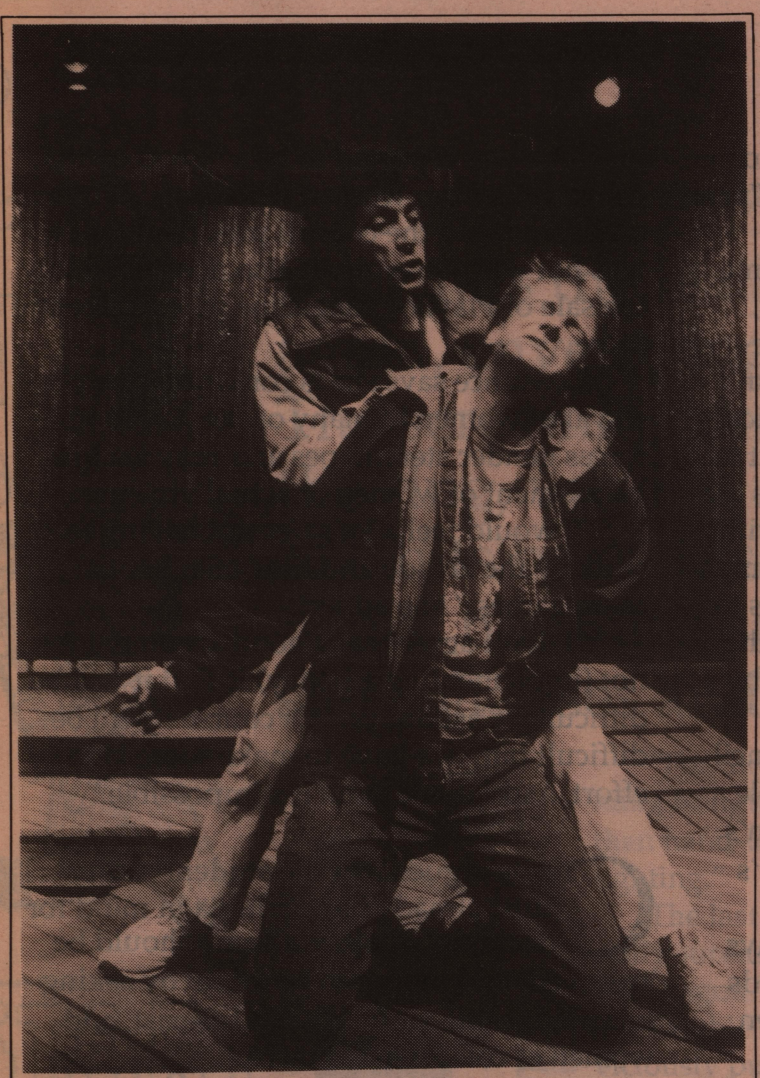

Darren Adam

Elias (Oscar Cruz) confronts Sander (Andrew Sabiston) in one of *Amigo's Blue Guitar*'s heavier moments.

Blue Guitar demonstrates teenage hypocracy

by Robert Cooper

Selfless saviour or selfish suckhole?

This is the question we find ourselves asking about Sander (Andrew Sabiston), a Gulf Island teenager who sponsors a Salvadorean refugee in *Amigo's Blue Guitar*, playing until March 2 at the Belfry Theatre.

Sander sponsors Elias as a class project so that he can get out of doing an essay.

Unaware that he will ever get through the bureaucracy of achieving refugee status in Canada, Sander is somewhat shocked when Elias suddenly arrives on his doorstep.

Sander sees himself as Elias' saviour and is alienated when Elias fails to treat him as such.

For the most part, Sabiston plays a convincingly boppy Sander, although at times he comes on like Michael J. Fox on amphetamines.

Sander's sister, Callie (Jennifer Clement) is strongly attracted to the passionate and exotic Elias. Smothering him with affection, she is unable to grasp that Elias can not let go of his tortured past.

Owen, Sander's father, played by David Ross, is a reminiscent American draft dodger who has settled in the Gulf Islands.

Through Elias, Owen attempts to relive his glory days as a "refugee."

Possibly the most moving performance is given by Joan Panton, who plays Martha, Sander's grandmother.

Her humour, insight, and unquestioning acceptance of Elias provide a yardstick by which we can measure the other characters.

Running until Saturday, *Amigo's Blue Guitar* is entertaining and gives the audience food for thought concerning our own motives in helping others.

Tickets can be reserved by calling 385-6815.❑

"Jack-pine jungle" music coming

by Chris Fair

Zoo who? Zumak is the Lillooet (Salish) word for the spring salmon. But if you're in the Sub Upper Lounge this Friday evening, it's a funky, electric, rhythmical dance band from the Lillooet area of B.C.

The six person band is making their Victoria debut after playing its first album/cassette *In Culture* to hopping audiences from Kamloops to Tofino.

A group called Fourth World was formed seven years ago and was the predecessor to the band Zumak, which still has four of the original Fourth World members in it.

In 1987, when Zumak came together, the band changed from a largely acoustic basis to that of its present electric dance format.

The band members are now: Fraser Lang (sax, flute, and vocals), Kelly Booth (Bass), Mendel Rubinson (lead guitar and vocals), Bill Spencer (lead vocals), Juan Coyote (conga drums), and Jeff Pfeifer (drums).

In the winter of 1990 the diverse group of musicians spent over 80 hours in Vancouver's Bullfrog and Mushroom studios producing the ten song cassette *In Culture*.

The result is what drummer Juan Coyote describes as "jack-pine jungle music."

Coyote said the band is one which always has fun.

"We're a fun loving race."

Previous to the In Culture release the band contributed its deeply rhythmic and moving song "Culture" to the Western Canadian Wilderness Committee's compilation album "Sounds of our Voices" which was released in October 1990.

The song "Cache Creek is a Dumpsite" refers to the unfortunate fate of the town that has been receiving B.C.'s overflow of garbage.

Kamloops radio station I98 banned the song from its playlist during the first week it was released because of the city's reaction to the lyrics.

Saxophone lead Fraser Lang said the band is "dealing with lyrical content people can relate to; it's really accessible." He believes the large amount of accessible material the band has is really its strongest point.

"We try and make our rhythm so compelling that you have a real experience. Rhythm is everything," said Coyote. He described their shows as "wild and compelling."

"The feeling I try and get from our shows is that you're around a campfire. We actually have this little electric fire on our stage for the show," said Lang.

Lang thinks the band is similar to Australia's Midnight Oil and South Africa's Julaka because of how they take the "standpoint of the indigenous people," which also surrounds taking care of the land, he explained.

"Our music is not philosophy. It's heart and feeling."

The band has recently written a song dedicated to the natives at Oka called "The West was Never Won". Lang feels all cultures are important, "The band takes heavily from cultures for our songs."

Zumak will be playing their eclectic selection of rhythmic dance music in the Sub Friday March 1.

"We always get everyone dancing in the first set," said Coyote. "And by the third set we have everyone in a frenzy."

The band will be heading to Vancouver to perform two shows next week. Following that, Lang said the band will head back to Lillooet to organize a new original set which will include "more strange percussion". After a break, the band will continue to tour the interior.

Friday's dance is being sponsored by the UVic Greens. Tickets are available at both Funhouse and Lyle's Records.❑

The End of *Twin Peaks*?

Fans of David Lynch's ultimately strange but thoroughly interesting *Twin Peaks* television series have an opportunity to bitch officially about ABC's sudden decision to pull the show.

If you're among the many who found themselves in a lurch after the show was dropped from the schedule last week, Lynch is encouraging *Peaks* fans to write to: President, Programming; ABC Television, 1926 Broadway, New York, New York, 10023.

The show may reappear later in the season - a wad of letters might help *Twin Peaks* be placed in a more reasonable time slot.

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Subdued, soulful show from sisters

by Lisa Langford

It's not nice to knock progressive, female, Canadian recording artists.

In this age of MTV, with its male-dominated, mainstream, culturally bereft garbage that's called music, it is nice to hear homegrown, and talented, talent.

But Kate and Anna McGarrigle's concert at the Royal Theatre Feb. 23 was so understated and so casual, it was a bit like playing one of their albums at a slow speed. And even for some devoted Kate and Anna fans, that's just too slow.

The crowd, mostly older moneyed types, was polite, even enthusiastic, especially at the older French tunes. But the heartfelt request by a balcony ticketholder at the end of the first song to "turn it up" wasn't answered. For the whole show.

That plaintive cry wasn't just for more volume, but for more rollicking accordion and piano playing.

The McGarrigles are of Quebecois and Irish ancestry, and their songs evoking both fine musical traditions were the highlights of the evening.

Cuts from their starker latest release, *Heartbeats Accelerating*, were also smoothly presented with the usual richly woven McGarrigle sound.

The sisters were backed up by four musicians who managed to adroitly play at least two instruments each. Both Kate and Anna played at least three, and part of the fun throughout both sets was watching all of them play musical chairs.

The banter between songs was funny when audible, but even sixth row seats didn't guarantee an adequate listen.

After a while it seemed the wry patter was amusing only because of the sibling connection.

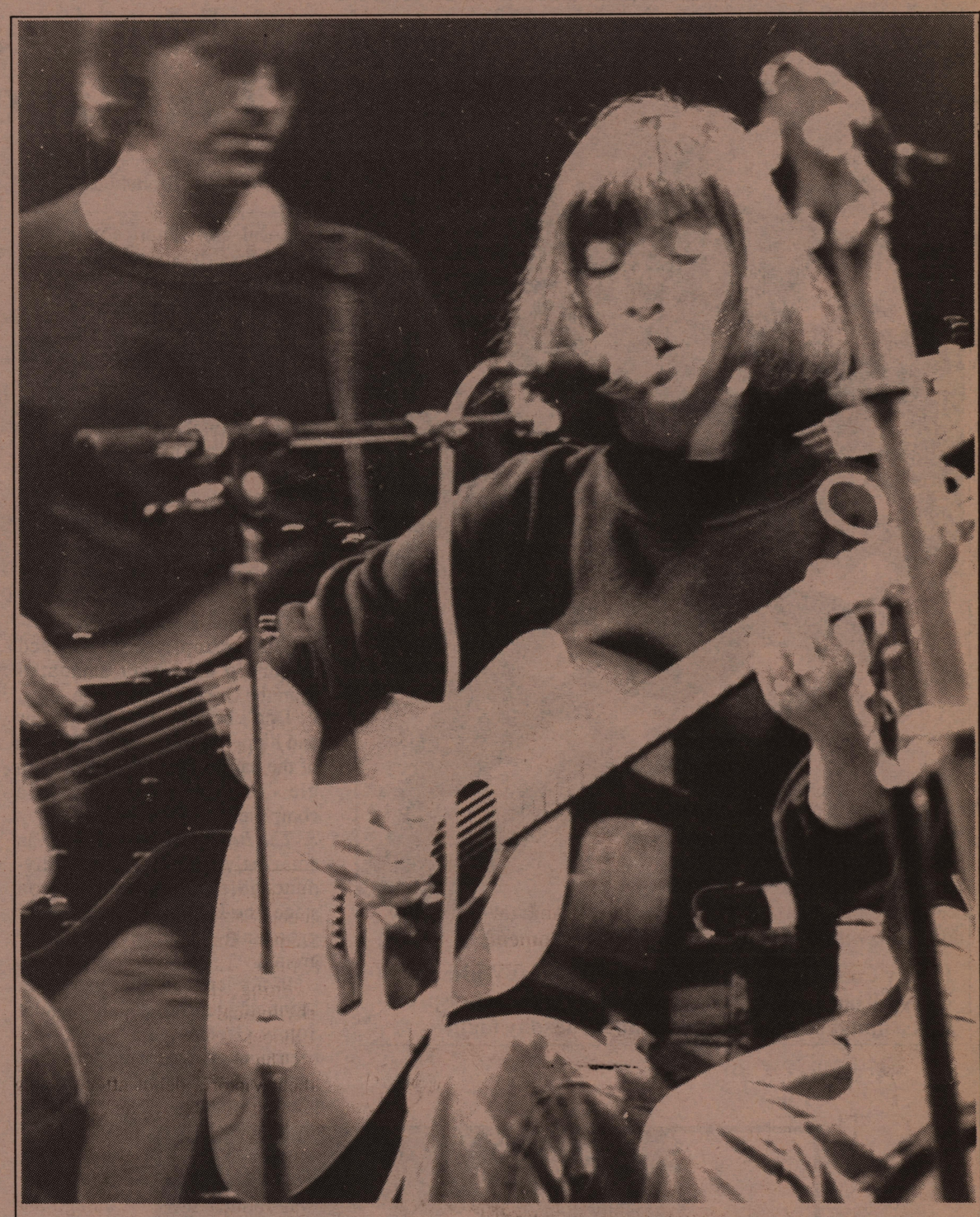
These gripes aside, the evening was an enjoyable Can-con journey through the passage of the McGarrigles' lives as women and parents facing empty nests.

"I Eat Dinner" outlines a woman's pain as she eats mashed potatoes and contemplates a life without romance. The simple lyrics struck a chord with the audience.

Not all the songs were gloomy. The old favourite, "The Swimming Song" brought sunkissed childhood summers to mind, a welcome break from February blues.

Even though the evening was slow-paced and priced beyond the student budget ($15), it was still a chance to see two internationally respected performers in a polished show.

The McGarrigles are the latest in a line of women performers sponsored by Victoria's Whistling Gypsy Centre for Community Music.❑



Alisa Gordaneer

Too Quiet? — Anna McGarrigle and sister Kate brought an entertaining but exceptionally mellow show to the Royal

Festival of women's music

by Lisa Langford

Women will be up front, on stage, in Felicita's all next week as the UVic students' society celebrates International Women's week with a solid lineup of women's music.

Vancouver's Touch and Gos kick off the two weeks of special programming with their infectuous, high-spirited pop on March 1 and 2.

The Touch and Gos have been enthusiastically reviewed by the Vancouver student press and have played at alternative venues with groups like the Young Fresh Fellows and Victoria's 64 Funnycars.

The Linda Wright duo plays March 5, filling Felicita's with extraordinary jazz vocals.

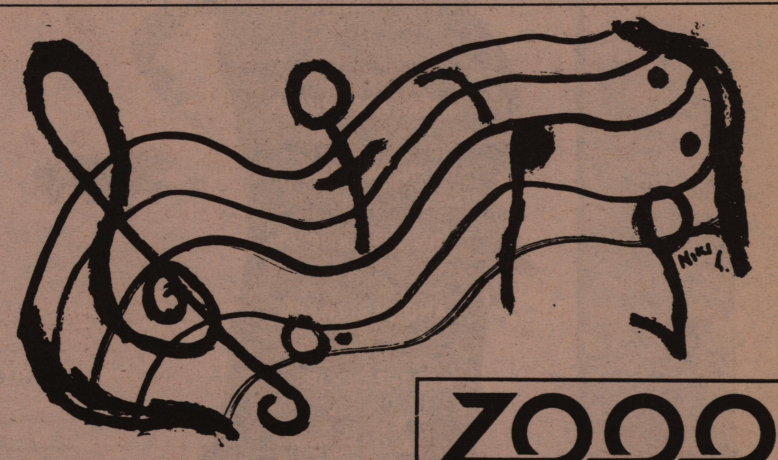
On March 8, International Women's Day, UVic's own monica schraefel and her very hungry band celebrate with folk-oriented, hard-driving blues.

Other offerings include the Fedrigo Lapp Duo, who should be well known but aren't yet. These two young women are amazing on bass and trumpet, and feature straight-ahead jazz.

On March 13, dance to the drumbeat of Amarrah Joy and Rhythym Spirit. Take off your shoes (if the staff will let you) and move to the sound of Haitian and Afro-American tradition.

Wind up with the dark acoustic pop of the Exploding Crows' Kim Linekin and Jolene Demers March 15, and the atmospheric folk-rock of Hazel Motes March 16.

Support this line of innovative bookings at Felicita's for only $3, or $2 for women. Don't gripe about the gender-based price breaks - and support women in the local music industry.❑



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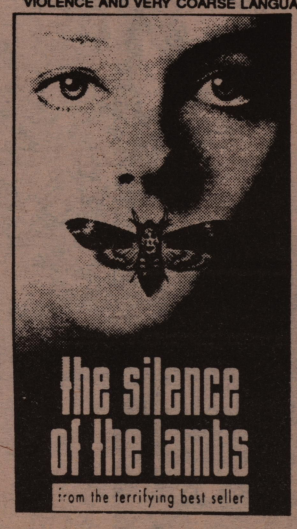

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Funky Canadians? Proving that the Great White North can spill out soul, Montreal's beautiful Bootsauce promises a dangerously energetic show Tuesday night

Montreal's hard-funking Bootsauce stirs up Harpo's

by Andy Stonehouse

Local groovaholics will have ample opportunity to get dangerously sweaty when Bootsauce, Montreal's funkiest freaks, finally make it to Harpo's on Tuesday, March 5, for their long-awaited Victoria premiere.

Riding high on the success of their curiously orange plastic-wrapped debut, *The Brown Album*, Bootsauce take the bone-shaking rock-funk of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the kick-ass groove of Fishbone and simmer it down into a marvellously nasty mix.

The result is some of the heaviest dance/rap/R and B-fused sounds to have ever emanated from the Great White North.

Don't be fooled by the mellow and hippy-dippy crossover success of the band's "Play With Me" single - undiluted Bootsauce is a completely different matter.

The Brown Album offers up an amazingly addictive and wildly-danceable sound, and live on stage, the band takes their crazed grooving to an even higher ground.

In a telephone interview from Montreal, guitarist and co-founder Sonny Greenwich Jr. says he's been amazed by the response the band has generated in only a few years together.

"People really seem to have gone nuts over us," he said. "When we played the Town Pump last year, we had people flying through the air and kicking our monitors over. They're absolutely crazy."

Formed in the winter of 1988 by Greenwich, vocalist Drew Ling and second guitarist Pere Fume, Greenwich says the band's cross-categorical mixture of rock, funk and hip-hop sampling came together mostly by accident.

"We were looking for something completely different in our sound, but we weren't doing it just to be commercial. We started out just trying to have a good time, and even now it's still a riot."

Greenwich says the always-healthy Montreal live music scene helped foster the band's quick rise to funkified fame.

"In Montreal, people will go and see any kind of music and love it, from speedmetal to country. People will listen to anything you play."

Loaded with more dopey sexual innuendo than a dozen years of Three's Company reruns, Bootsauce tunes like "Catcher in the Raw" and "Sex Marine" give the band a generally good-natured R rating.

Greenwich says the band's lyrics should be taken no more seriously than the band itself.

"Dance music is all about sex, and it's supposed to be stupid and about trying to forget your problems. Our music is mostly about having fun."

Bootsauce's high-energy goulash is unlike anything else on the Canadian scene. That talented oddity has helped bring the band a wide following at home and in the U.S.

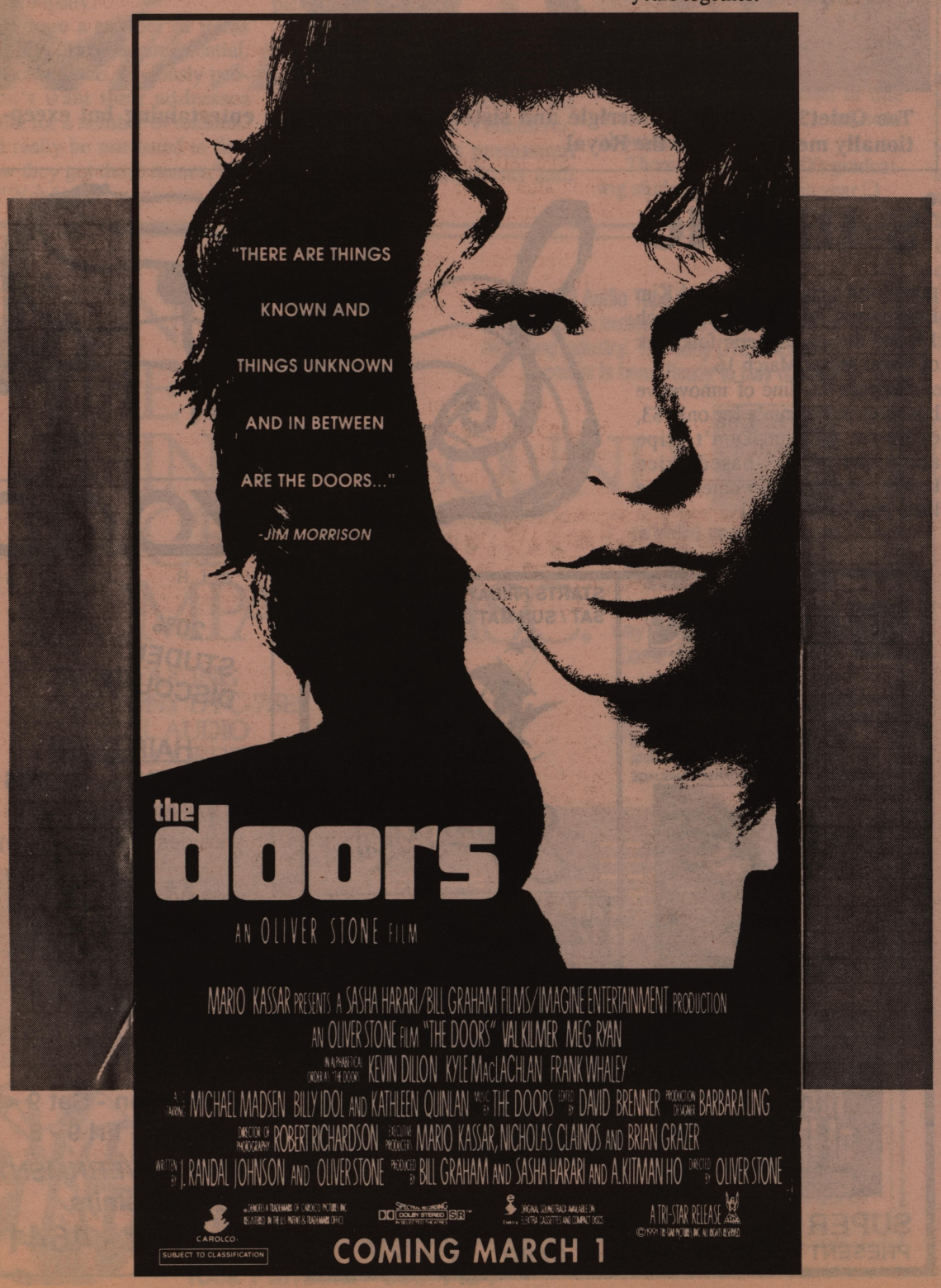
"When we play in the States, people don't believe us when we say we're Canadian. They say they don't expect this kind of music — they expect Anne Murray or Bryan Adams.

"I guess they don't know what to do when they see a half-black guy with a mohawk dancing around on the stage wearing a dress."

Joining the original trio on stage will be the band's bass god, Baculis, and drumming-sensation Rob Kazenal. Greenwich says the live show will feature most of the album's 10 songs, plus a scattering of "really stupid" covers.

Nominated for two Juno awards, Greenwich says the band isn't all that worried about critical acclaim for their unassumingly funky sounds.

"(The Junos) kinda make me laugh - what do they have to do with us? The main point to our shows is that everyone have a good time, really rocking out. That's really what we're all about." ❑



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Musical soul audible soon

by Janice OBriain

The famed Spanish composer Rodrigo said the perfect instrument would embody the soul of a guitar. This soul will be audible Saturday night at UVic, at a concert by renowned Canadian classical guitarist Harold Micay.

Micay completed both his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in performance at the University of Southern California. He studied with some of the world's foremost teachers: Pepe Romero, Christopher Parkening, and even the "father of guitar" - Andres Segovia. Micay has performed with such international calibre artists as soprano Beverly Sills, and the USC Guitar Quartet.

He has been featured often on national broadcasts, won national competitions, and several contemporary composers have written works for him.

Micay's exciting virtuoso playing, combined with relaxed tenderness, will be apparent as he guides his audience through a musical journey from baroque to classical, romantic to contemporary.

Included in his program are an array of composers such as Bach, Giuliani, Chopin and Albeniz.

So come out this Saturday, March 2 at 8 p.m., to the too-often overlooked Recital Hall in the MacLaurin Music Wing. Tickets are $6 for adults, $4 for students/seniors. For more information, call 721-7903 or 721-8559.❑

SPORTS

B-Ballers advance to Can-West finals

by Chuck Bennett

The Vikes men's basketball team is once again back in the Canada-West finals where they face their biggest rival, the UBC Thunderbirds.

UVic advanced to the finals with two convincing wins over the team that beat the Vikes last year in the Can-West finals, the University of Alberta Golden Bears, last weekend at McKinnon Gym.

In Friday night's game the Vikes dominated from start to finish, winning by 23 points 106-83.

Vikes shooting guard Tom Johnson paced UVic attack with 30 points. Johnson notched 23 of his game high total in the first half while shooting an incredible 100 per cent. Johnson shot 6/6 from the field, 2/2 from the free-throw line and 3/3 from three point range.

"I didn't even think about it," said Johnson. "I never found out until after the game when a friend told me I hadn't missed a shot in the first half."

Forwards Spencer McKay and Dave Leschied had strong games for UVic, both in scoring and on the boards. Together they combined 31 points and 13 rebounds.

The most positive aspect for the Vikes was the complete team effort. UVic shot a very high 72 per cent from the field and four Vikes scored in double figures while point guard Dave MacIntosh added nine points as he ran the UVic offence.

The Vikes were also very strong on the boards as they outrebounded their opponents 33-17.

Saturday's game was a little closer. The Vikes were only up by four points at the half and were substantially weakened when Leschied went down with a back injury, but the Bears simply lacked the experience and size needed to stay with the Vikes.

UVic completely took the game over in the second half, outscoring the Bears in the final frame by 21 points, winning 95-70.

With the loss of Leschied the Vikes went to a three guard offence, adding Willis Parnell to the tandem of Johnson and MacIntosh. The change proved successful as the Vike guards pressured their Bear counterparts, causing them to turn the ball over repeatedly.

This resulted in fast break opportunities for UVic and they made very few mistakes in their offensive execution.

MacIntosh lead the Vikes offence with 23 points followed by McKay with 14 and Johnson with 10.

Head coach Guy Vetrie, who is going to his second Can-West finals in two years as coach of the Vikes, was very pleased with the outcome of the weekend.

"Last weekend was the best we've executed our offense this year," said Vetrie. "All the shots were within the offense. In a motion offense you need five people moving together and that's what we had this weekend."

Bears' assistant coach Gino Castalla admitted the Vikes were simply too strong for Alberta.

"We thought we could win, but we knew it would be very difficult," said Castalla. "Victoria is a very good team and they played very well. You can't beat many teams who shoot over 70 per cent."

UBC didn't have as easy a time reaching the finals as UVic. The Birds needed three games to eliminate fourth placed Lethbridge. The Pronghorns handed the UBC their first loss at home, beating them 104-88 last Saturday night.

UVic, who tied UBC for first place in the division but rank second because of the point spread in head to head competition against the Birds, will travel across the straight to meet UBC on their home turf, War Memorial Gym.

Home advantage has been the deciding factor in Can-West this season as all teams have had trouble winning on the road.

UBC appears to have the advantage going into the final next weekend, but as last year proved when Alberta upset UVic at home, anything can happen in the play-offs.

"You have to give UBC the advantage because they're playing at home," said Vetrie. "But we feel confident that if we play well and are focused we will be successful. If we do not, then we will not be successful."

UBC is a very strong team and are led by the excellent backcourt tandem of J.D. Jackson and Al Lalonde.

Both players had exceptional seasons and are the key to stopping UBC. Lethbridge did it on Saturday night, holding Jackson to only 12 points, his second lowest of the season, UVic held him to six earlier in the season.

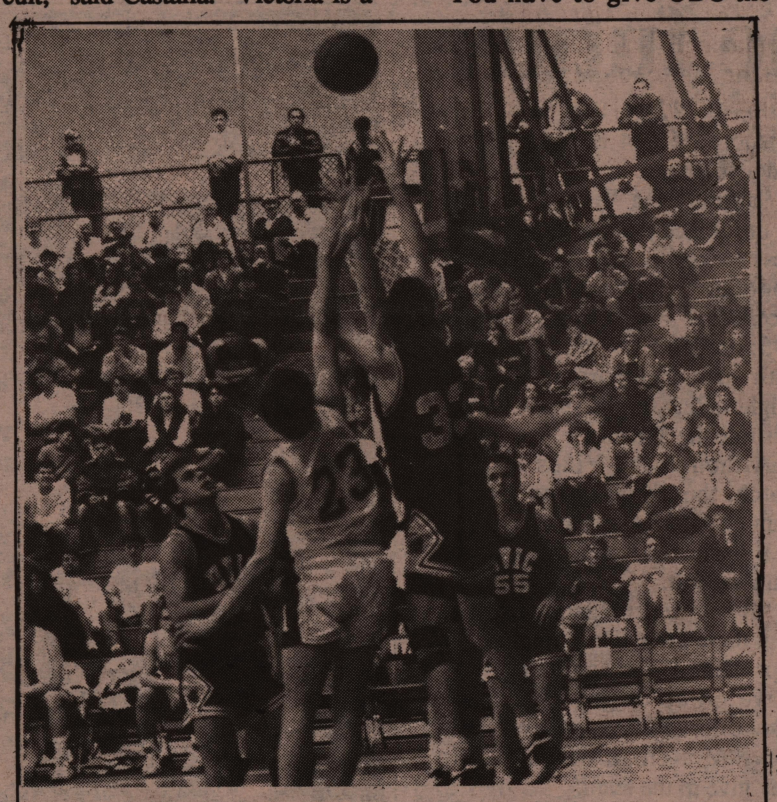
But UVic is by no means a big under-dog. After struggling against UBC for two years the Vikes finally got the monkey off their back when they beat the Birds in their last two meetings.

Also the Vikes played some of their best basketball of the season last weekend, using a balanced attack and their superior size to down the Bears.

"The team is really coming together at the right time," said Johnson. "Our motion was the best it has been all season."

Regardless of advantages or favorites both teams will be pumped up for the games and should provide some exciting action.

"The games will be very physical and tough," said Vetrie. "One thing is for sure, both teams will be ready to play."❑



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BASELINE JUMPER — Vikes rookie Andy Willmott puts a base-line jumper against the Alberta Bears in play-off action last weekend at McKinnon Gym.

Open memorial service for UVic varsity swimmer

by Chuck Bennett

An open service for Keltie Byrne, a UVic student who died February 20, will be held Monday, March 4.

Byrne was a whale trainer at Sealand. She drowned when one of the killer whales grabbed her foot and pulled her back into the water as she was being helped out of the pool after falling in.

Byrne was a member of UVic's varsity swim team and a marine biology major in the biology faculty.

"Keltie swam at an international level before arriving at UVic," said Peter Vizoyli, UVic's swim coach.

"She left the sport of swimming after 1988, but decided she wanted to swim again and joined the university's varsity team."

"She really enjoyed swimming," added Vizoyli. "But it wasn't a priority. Marine biology and working down at Sealand with the whales was what was really important to her."

A close friend of Byrne's said Keltie really loved her work at Sealand.

"She loved her work there. She came alive when she was with them."

"Keltie wanted to spend the rest of her life trying to educate people about whales, sealions and animals."

The memorial service will be in the UniCcentre auditorium on March 4 at 7 p.m.

Instead of flowers people are asked to send donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, (2206 Richmond Ave. Victoria B.C. V8R 4R5), the West Coast Whale Research Foundation, (2020 1040 West Georgia, Vancouver B.C. V6E 4H1), or the World Wildlife Fund, (Suite 504 90 Eglinton Ave. E. Toronto Ont. M4P 2Z7).

Donations should include a letter identifying the next of kin, John Byrne, and his address, 4632 151 Street, Edmonton, Alta., T6H 5W8.

The friend said through donations to West Coast Whale Research Foundation, "we can continue on with Keltie's efforts. It's purely an education and research based foundation."

The friend said, "the other two organizations were added in case anyone felt uncomfortable about giving to the WCWRF, because of the way she died." ❑

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SPORTS

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MAKING A SPLASH — The UVic diving club held its first recreational diving meet. According to its organizer Eric Wolfe the meet was an overwhelming success because it allowed people of all ages and skill levels to compete.

Dinos overpower Vikes

by Ryan Buchanan

A season full of ups and downs ended in disappointing fashion for the UVic women's volleyball team.

In their last action of the season the Vikes hosted the Calgary Dinosaurs Feb. 16-17.

With setter Mickey Gulka out with an injury, the Vikes switched to a five hitters, one setter, offence but were not able to adapt to the new system in time to stop Calgary.

On Friday night the Vikes stayed close to the Dinos, winning two of the first four sets, but in the final set Calgary was able to hold on and record a 15-8 win.

The next night it was all Calgary. The Dinos came out and dominated the Vikes winning three straight games, 15-6, 15-8 and 15-8.

For seniors Lisa Cepeliauskas, Renee Beaumont and Mo Odland, Saturday's game marked the end of three successful careers at UVic.

"The vets played well," said Karin Maessen, the Vikes' head coach. "It was hard for all three to finish their varsity careers with a loss in three straight games."

Beaumont led the Vikes Friday with 10 kills and added four more on Saturday while teammate Odland pounded seven and 12 kills over the weekend.

Cepeliauskas, who has been the Vikes leader all season, was forced into the setter position both nights and counted only two kills and stuffs Saturday night.

"Unfortunately, with myself out Lisa was taken out of the attack," said Gulka.

Maessen said the reason for the lopsided scores on Saturday was the lack of basics shown by her team.

"It was not a good evening for our service or serve receive," she said. "It's so frustrating to work so hard for a side out only to give it up due to bad serves."

Consequently, Maessen guarantees her squad will get plenty of practice on the basics.

"One thing we will do is practice serve receive until we're blue in the face."

The loss of Cepeliauskas, Beaumont and Odland will leave some big holes to fill.

We'll be starting to rebuild," said Gulka. "This season we had a strong attack but our bench was our biggest strength. We had no fear of putting our non-starters in."

"Next year will be a tough season, the other teams in Canada-West will be very experienced."

The injuries and fluctuating play throughout the season still saw the team finish with a winning record in Maessen's first season as head coach.

"This year, both the players and myself gained a lot of experience," she said. "Our team talent was there but at this level it becomes a question of who comes to play mentally every match."❑

UVic playing for the future

by Peter Stewart

The remainder of the year is being played for the future by the Vikes men's volleyball team.

Team coach Paul Brasson has submitted a bid to host the 1992 CIAU finals in volleyball. There are also plans to submit for 1993 if the first bid is unsuccessful.

While the host university gets a berth in the tournament, the Vikes' recent record suggests there is a chance they could make it to the finals anyway.

In the past two weeks the Vikes' played two of the toughest teams in Canada, the University of Calgary and UBC. Although they lost all four matches, the Vikes played extremely well and their effort leaves Brasson with aspirations of better things to come.

The Vikes played the number two ranked U of C Dinasours Feb. 15 and 16.

The Dinos, with a starting six unmatched in Canada, were obviously stronger than UVic, but the Vikes did not go down easily.

On Friday, lead by Simon Bright with 13 kills and Ross McKeever with 10 kills, the Vikes were defeated 15-10, 15-2, 15-11.

Despite the scores, the match could have been different. In the first ~~set~~ the Vikes led 4-0 and looked strong.

Too many serves were missed in critical situations and the Vikes dropped the game and subsequently the match.

Saturday the Vikes ran into an impressive setting performance by Jeff Wenzel, enhanced by his use of the dump. Wenzel used it six times to frustrate the Vikes, and led the Dinos to victory, 15-13, 15-12, 15-5. The two hour .....match was proof the Vikes did not roll over and die.

The Vikes were led by surprising performances from Brent Hooper and Colin Miley.

Against the UBC Thunderbirds, the Vikes were even better. On Feb. 22, UVic was only outscored 50-44 in total points, and won a set.

Saturday the Vikes were lead by an unlikely hero. After losing Ross Mckeever early in the match, Todd Schroeder came in and excelled.

Scroeder had 10 kills, along with strong performances from Bright and Jason Wishlow to help frustrate the T-Birds.

Although the Vikes lost the match, they showed the kind of team character they have.

Brasson was pleased with the team's effort.

"It's a real pleasure to work with these guys. They are proud to represent UVic, and they're a brave group of guys." Brasson also thanked Dave Scott, and Steve McKenzie with the help they give to the team.

The Vikes hope to do even better this weekend against the University of Saskatchewan in their last home game of the year.❑

Ryan Buchanan

BIG TIME SMASH — A UVic volleyballer scores a kill against Calgary but the Vikes came up short against the Dinos in their last action of the year.

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UVIC ANTI-WAR COALITION Anti-war coalitions are forming throughout North America and the UVic coalition meets every Wednesday in the Cinecenta at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WUSC MEETING - A forum on development education at the post secondary level. UVic faculty members will speak, March 10 at 7 p.m. in Clearihue C305.

AIESEC MEETINGS - Every Friday until April 5 inclusive. 2:30 p.m. in Clearihue C108. All AIESEC members welcome.

STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (S.E.A.) CLUB meets Sunday nights at 8 p.m. in the Wallace 150 Lounge (Gordon Head Res complex). Join us if you'd like to see things a little greener. Info, 384-9426.

POW - Peace Organization of Women meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in Clearihue A206. All welcome.

UVIC CIRCLE K CLUB - Are you interested in performing community service, doing volunteer work or helping others? You can do all this while having too much fun with some really great people. Meetings every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Cornett B335. Info: 384-8297.

ATTENTION ALL ASPIRING JOURNALISTS, POETS AND ECO-SAPIENS. The Essence (newsletter of the Environmental Studies Students Association) is welcoming all contributions pertaining to environmental issues and awareness. Clearihue B431, or call 721- 7355.

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VIPIRG Get involved in the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group! Committee times:Recycling, Friday 2:30 p.m. Cle C124; Transport, Friday 2:30 p.m. SUB Upper; Sexual Harassment Tues. 12:30 p.m. Cinecenta. Info, SUB 144.

WANT TO DO SOMETHING to improve telereg? overcrowding? international student concerns? Well then ... why not join the UVSS Students' Issues Action Committee? SUB 137A, Fridays at 1:30 p.m., or call Elizabeth at 721-8369.

MEN AGAINST RAPE will be meeting Friday 12:30 p.m. in the SUB Resource Centre.

LAMBDA CLUB COFFEEHOUSE for gays, lesbians and their friends meets Wednesdays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. Cornett B344 (or when possible, Cle C305). For more information phone 595-5455 (Scott or Dorothy) or 361-4900 (Island Gay Society).Everyone welcome.

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—Seminar—

THE ELUSIVE "GREEN CITY" - Gwyn Symmons an historical and current view of this concept. 8 p.m. in Begbie 159. $1 for students.

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FRIDAY 1

——Music——

THE TOUCH AND GOs kick off *Women Upfront* at Felicita's with their high energy pop from Vancouver. In conjunction with International Women's Week. 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. $3/$2 cover.

DANCE WITH ZUMAK - this mountain reggae band from Lillooet debut their funky sound in Victoria in the SUB Upper Lounge at 8 p.m. Advance tix $4 at Lyle's, Funhouse and the SUB ($6 at the door). No minors.

UVIC ORCHESTRA performs some Beethoven, among other things. Free at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall (MacLaurin). Info, 721-7903.

—Literature—

PLENTY OF BROWSING TIME at the book sale in the SUB Upper Lounge today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

—Community—

RALLY for Carmanah-Walbran. Protest the clear-cutting of the last ancient rain forests. 3:30 p.m. at the Ministry of Forests (Pandora & Government).

SATURDAY 2

——Art——

THE TRADE SHOW - Selected works from SFU's visual artists are on exhibit in UVic's M-Hut Gallery. Opening at 8 p.m., continues until March 8.

——Theatre——

THE IMPROMANIACS present their spur of the moment comedy with a twist at 9 p.m. in Camosun's Fisher 100 Auditorium. Tix $5/$4 at the door.

—Seminar—

HITTING THE STREET - Keynote speaker Frank Simmons discusses the post-release problems of federal inmates. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the University Centre. Public invited, no charge. Info, 658-5910.

——Music——

GUEST GUITARIST Harold Micay does some virtuoso strumming at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall (MacLaurin). Tickets $4 for students. Info, 721-7903.

SUNDAY 3

——Movies——

SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE, a movie based on the Kurt Vonnegut novel, is playing at the Newcombe Theatre at 2 p.m. as part of the Glenn Gould Film Festival.

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MONDAY 4

——Music——

GRADUATION RECITAL - featuring pianist Rosalyn Soo. 8 p.m. in the School of Music Recital Hall (MacLaurin). Free.

TUESDAY 5

——Music——

LINDA WRIGHT DUO - Jazz vocals extraordinaire tonight at Felicita's, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m.

——Seminar——

NATURAL CITY LANDSCAPES as part of the sustainable urban lifestyles series with Willie MacGillivray and Arnold Habetler. 8 p.m. in Begbie 159. $1 for students.

"ALLES SCHON und gut ... Einige Gedanken zum Verhaltnis Kunst uind Moralitat." This German lecture by Dr. Elke Herb is at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Room (Cadboro Commons 203). Info, 721-7316.

—Community—

ADULT ADOPTEES, birth relatives and adoptive parents seeking reunions: The TRIAD Society for Truth in Adoption will meet at 7 p.m. at the Native Friendship Centre, (2nd floor) 533 Yates St. Everyone welcome. For further information, call 598-9887.

WEDNESDAY 6

——Music——

CAFE NOIR celebrates International Women's Week with the alternative music of the Exploding Crows, and a reading by Davida Hewlett. Sign up for open mike at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Upper Lounge. $2 cover for students.

THURSDAY 7

——Readings——

JANE URQUHART consolidates the reputation she gained from her novel *Changing Heaven*, and earlier works, in this reading at 5:30 p.m. in Begbie 159.

——Seminar——

"ANALYSIS OF GENE EXPRESSION in sea urchin embryos and interspecies hybrids." A biology lecture by Dr. Bruce Brandhorst at 2:30 p.m. in Cunningham 146.

——Ongoing——

COSTA RICA - three exciting months of community service, medical projects, and environmental research can be yours with Youth Challenge International. Applications due March 22 (for Dec. '91 to March '92). Call (416) 971-9630 for info.

EAST AFRICAN EDUCATIONAL SAFARI - Expedition by truck into remote areas of Kenya with Dr. Gary Tunnell, anthropologist from Malespina College. Informal lectures by campfire. Phone 1-753-3245 local 246 or 1-772-3070.

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UVSS Board Of Directors

Elections

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Nominations Open
Friday, February 22 9:00 a.m.
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Nominations Close
Friday, March 1 4:00 p.m.
Forms returned to SUB Resource Centre

Campaigning Begins Monday, March 4 9:00 a.m.
Campaigning Ends Wednesday, March 13 12:00 a.m.

Polling Thursday, March 14 & Friday, March 15
Positions to be filled:

- **President**
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- **Eleven Directors-at-Large**

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Positions take effect May 1, 1991 - April 30, 1992
For more information contact the Electoral Committee - SUB Resource Centre

All-Candidates Forums, March 7&13, 12:30 p.m. SUB UPPER LOUNGE

NATIONAL NEWS

NDP balks on freeze promise

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Ontario Federation of Students is taking its battle for a tuition freeze to the grassroots of the provincial NDP.

The government announced Feb. 11 it was increasing tuition fees in Ontario by eight per cent, contravening their own policy calling for an eventual elimination of tuition fees.

The OFS is hoping to get NDP members to vote to reaffirm the policy at a party convention March 1-3.

Greg Elmer, communications director for OFS, said the federation is worried the "powers that be" in the NDP will try to repeal the policy.

"I'm sure they've come up with a plan to nuke it or play it down," he said.

By making a lot of noise at the convention, the OFS believes it will be in a win-win situation.

If they successfully lobby the delegates, they embarrass the government. If the reaffirmation motion is defeated, the government will be seen as backing away from a major policy.

The policy says the party seeks "to establish a post-secondary education system where admissions are based on merit rather than affordability."

Elmer said the OFS has been working with contacts within the NDP youth and has also contacted the Ontario Federation of Labor, an influential body within the party, to get them to vote in favor of the policy.

At least seven resolutions calling for reaffirmation of the policy are on the convention agenda. One from the Ottawa Centre riding association was moved by Marcella Munro, chair of Carleton University's Student Issues Action Committee.

Munro — a former NDP campus club president — said it will be tricky to convince youth to defy the party hierarchy because the youth wing has only recently been taken seriously.

"I can see the temptation to back down on this issue...but it will be an error in judgement," she said. "How can we back down on something so fundamental?"

Munro said the party establishment in Ontario is out of touch with the grassroots.

"We have backroom boys like everyone else."

She said if the NDP youth tow the party line, they will be reduced to mindless appendages, rather than the vanguard of progress in the party.

Student activists were angered by Premier Bob Rae's comments on the tuition hike announcement. He told the Toronto Sun, "There is no free lunch. There never was a free lunch and there certainly isn't a free lunch right now."

Elmer said he was surprised Rae was so petulant.

"I think he probably didn't have breakfast or something, because he was obviously out to lunch."

Munro said students are an easy target for the government.

While it can't afford to alienate stronger constituent groups like women and labor, students can be portrayed as spoiled white kids with unreasonable demands — even if the government knows that's not the truth, she said.

Marines cite federal law to get booths on campuses

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CUP/College Press Service) — The U.S. Marine Corps — banned from some schools because it refuses to hire gays and lesbians — is citing an obscure 1972 federal law to force itself onto campuses.

Officials at the University of Iowa said last fall they would let the Marines recruit in their placement offices, despite campus rules banning groups that discriminate against gays and lesbians.

To make sure they're allowed onto campuses, Marine recruiters cited an obscure 1972 federal law that colleges cannot receive research grants or financial aid from the Department of Defence, if the institutions bar military recruiters.

A Defence Department spokesperson said there are no plans to use the law to help it wedge recruiters onto other campuses that have complained about the military's refusal to employ gays and lesbians.

At Princeton University, prospective recruiters have to sign a form stating they won't discriminate on the basis of several criteria, including sexual preference, said placement director Minerva Reed.

Military recruiters unable to meet Princeton's requirement have stopped going to the campus to recruit.

"We worked with university attorneys and felt we had every right to require this, federal guidelines notwithstanding," Reed said. Last October, the Association of American Law Schools began requiring its 158 member schools to deny assistance to all employers who do not comply with the association's anti-discrimination policy.

Essentially the same argument has been used by students wanting to ban the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), which also bars gays and lesbians, from operating on campuses.

No school has yet succeeded in banning ROTC, despite the fact that such arguments have attracted widespread attention at Yale and De Pauw universities, the universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin, Dartmouth College and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to name a few.

In the past few years, law schools at the University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Harvard University and State University of New York at Buffalo have suspended the Federal Bureau of Investigation from recruiting their students because of alleged racial and sexual discrimination at the agency.

"If they do decide to push this, it'll be very interesting," Reed said. "The case is far from being over." ❑

UVSS REFERENDA QUESTIONS

The following referenda questions will appear on the ballot during the March 14 & 15 UVSS general election:

"Are you in favour of the students of the University of Victoria supporting the Martlet Publishing Society through a direct fee levy of $2.50 per full-time undergraduate student per term? This fee will be collected and subsequently distributed to the Martlet Publishing Society by the UVSS in accordance with a signed contract between these two parties."

"Are you in favour of renewing the students' extended health plan at a cost of $5.35 per month (optional family coverage at $10.25 per month) with 12 months coverage effective September 1, 1991 - August 31, 1992?"

Polling stations will be located throughout campus between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on March 14 & 15.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Women worse off

MONTREAL (CUP) — With the Canadian economy plunging into a recession, more and more women will be forced to study part-time, the Canadian Federation of Students says.

Already 60 per cent of part-time Canadian students are women and that percentage will probably rise as female students lose their jobs and find it harder to get work, said Caryn Duncan, a CFS researcher.

"More women study part-time because they can't afford the costs of a full-time education," Duncan said. "The recession is coming along and is already worsening women's poor financial situation."

Duncan said women have so far been harder hit by the recession than men.

"Women in general tend to hold lower paying service-oriented jobs that are the first to be axed when there are hard times," Duncan said. "The situation is no different for female students earn less than men and have less secure jobs."

Statistics Canada reports that out of 192,016 part-time students in 1983, 97,000 were women. By 1989, the number of women studying part-time had jumped to 170,500 — representing 65 per cent of the total part-time student population.

More women have to study part-time because they face more financial difficulties than men, Duncan said.

The federation is conducting a study to find out exactly how much less women students earn in summer jobs than men.

"Preliminary results show that women generally earn less money during the summer and have to necessarily make up for any shortfall by working more part-time hours in the fall," she said.

In summer jobs created through the federally-funded Summer Employment/Experience Development program, women don't fare as well as men. In 1989, women earned 50 cents less per hour than men in SEED jobs, according to a CFS report.

ing part-time because many have children and are saddled with child care responsibilities, said

Denise Louvain, a part-time social work professor at the Universite de Montreal.

"Most universities have very bad child-care facilities,"

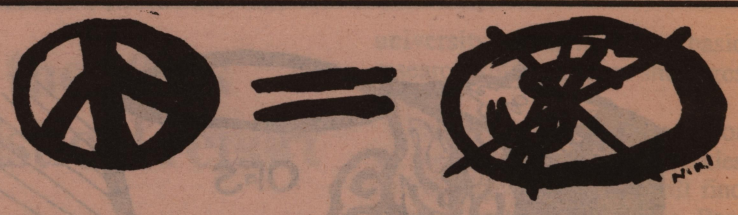
Louvain said. "If you have a child and want to study full-time it is very difficult to find someone to take care of that child.

Usually the woman will just choose to stay home with the child and try to work out something with her husband relative, or friend so she can attend classes at least some of the time."

The problem is even more acute for single mothers who not only have to find child care but also have to hold down a part-time job because Quebec's loans and grants program is not adequate.

"Over the past decade, we've noticed that more single women with children are going back to school," Louvain said.

"But the province's loans and bursaries system barely lifts a woman and her child above the poverty line. I know a case of one eight years to get her Bachelor's because she had to hold down a full-time job as a secretary in order to live comfortably with her child." ❑



Peaceniks lose loans

BOSTON (CUP/College Press Service) — The city council in Medford, Massachusetts, has called on Congress to make Gulf War protesters give up their student loans if they are arrested and convicted for illegally demonstrating.

Council member Fran Giordano introduced the resolution, which the council passed 5-2 Jan. 22. It

The Bill of rights doesn't guarantee you the right to block roadways or lie down in traffic

was soon after protesters had blocked traffic in downtown Boston, and tried to obstruct oper- in Chicopee.

About 50 anti-war activists, students and war veterans crowded into the council's meeting Feb. 5 to ask the council to rescind the resolution.

The council refused to back down.

"The Bill of Rights doesn't guarantee you the right to block driveways or lie down in traffic," Giordano said, adding that "economics" also spurred him to sponsor the resolution.

The state faces an $850 million budget deficit this year and is slashing aid to cities and towns. Money is tight, and demonstrations cost cities much-needed money, he said.

Medford itself, home to Tufts University, has seen few war-related demonstrations.

The resolution, which Giordano admitted is "more or less a symbolic gesture on our part," has been forwarded to the Mastion, one of the most liberal in the nation. It is up to them to decide whether to bring it up to the rest of Congress.❑

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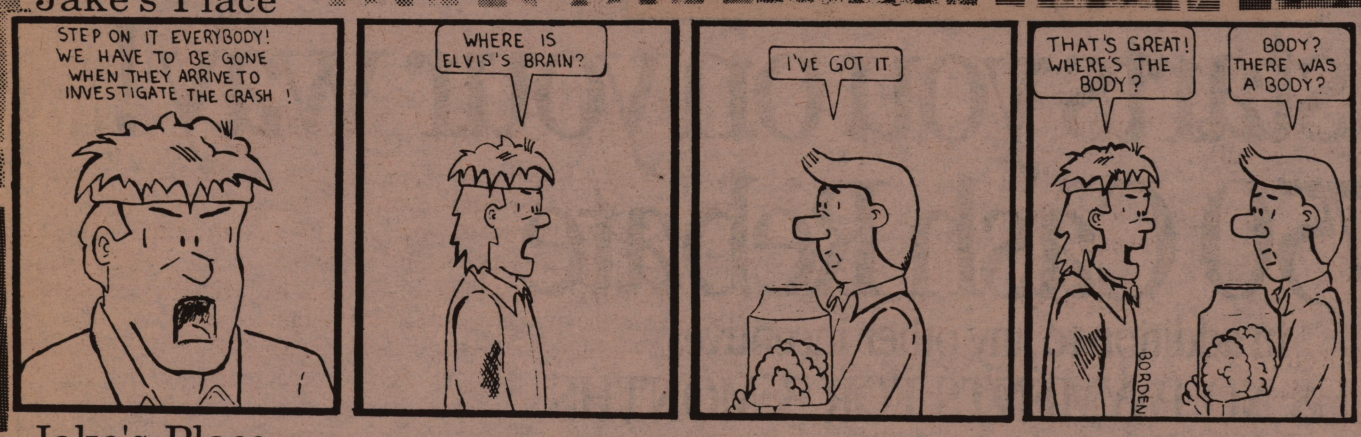

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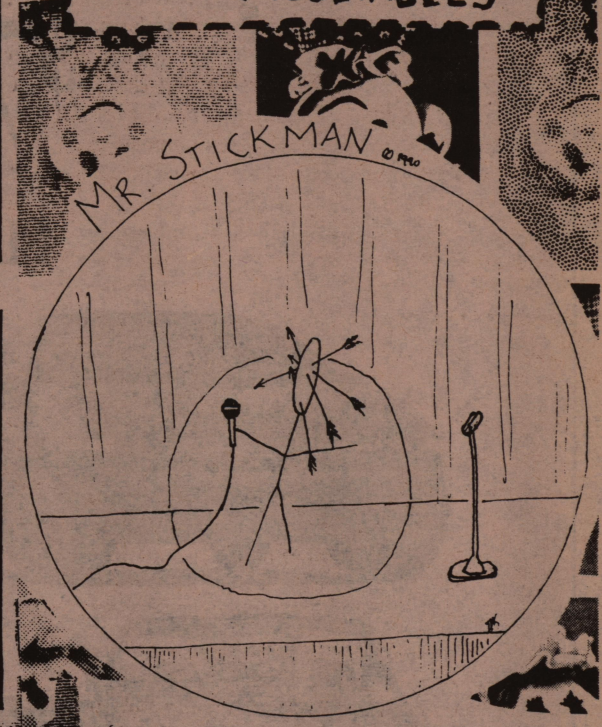

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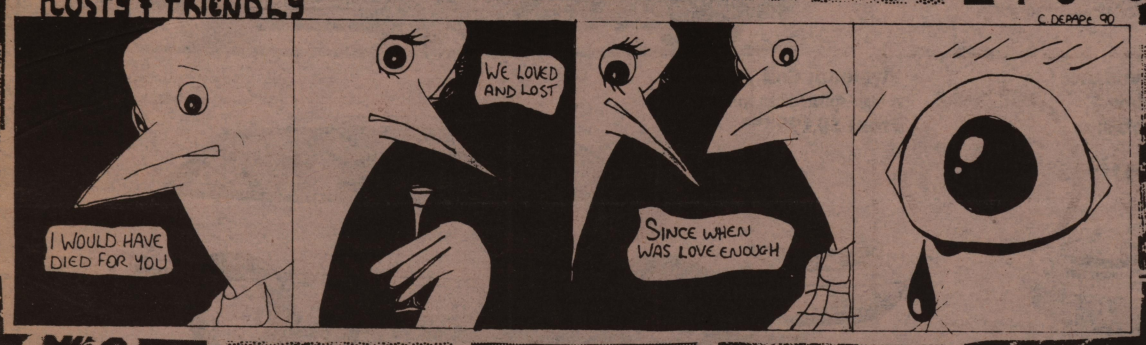

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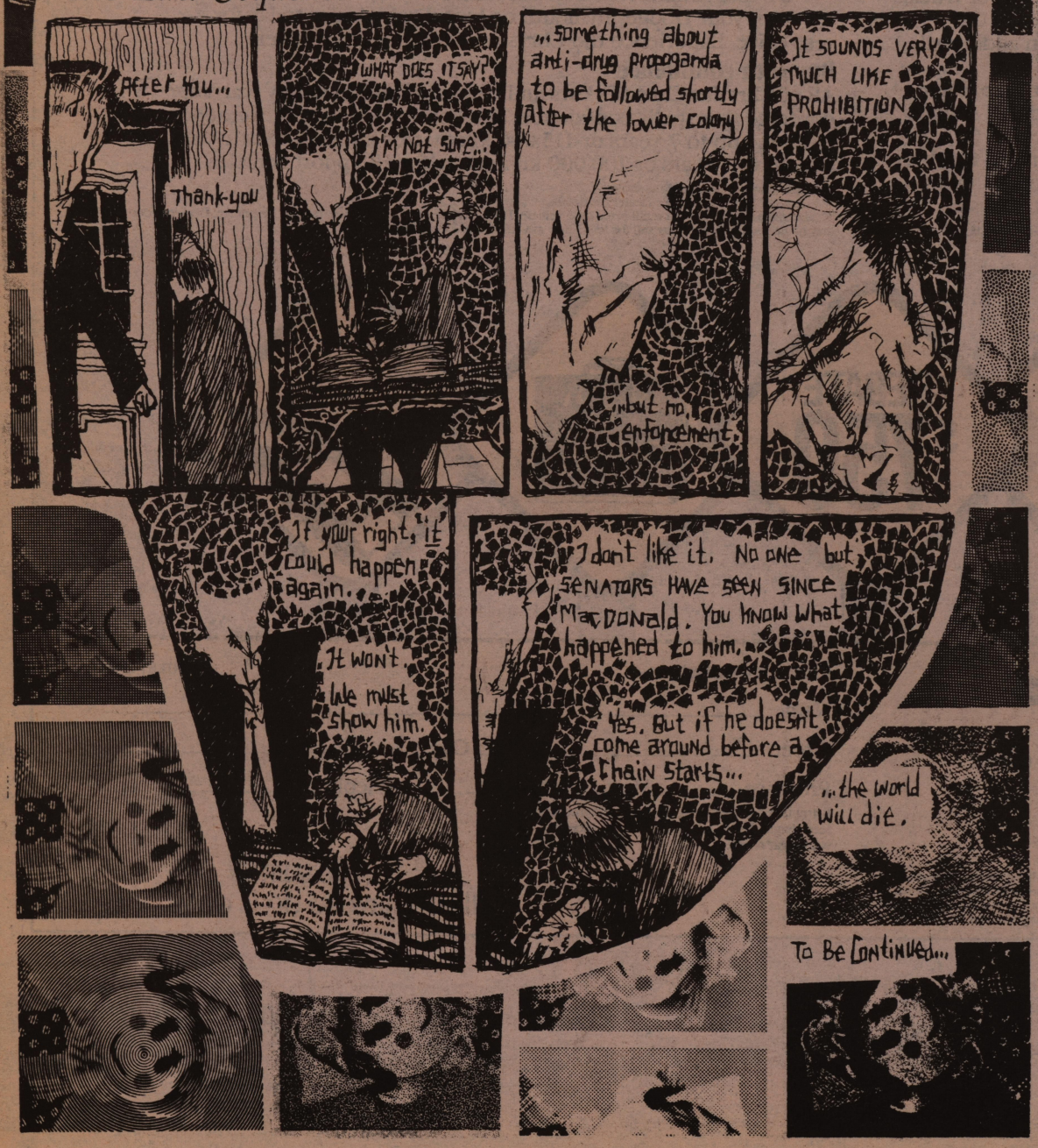

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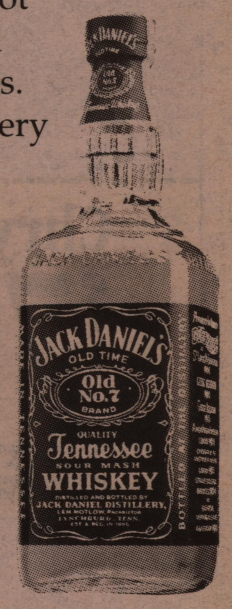

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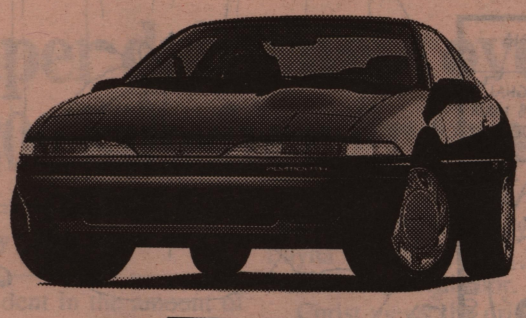

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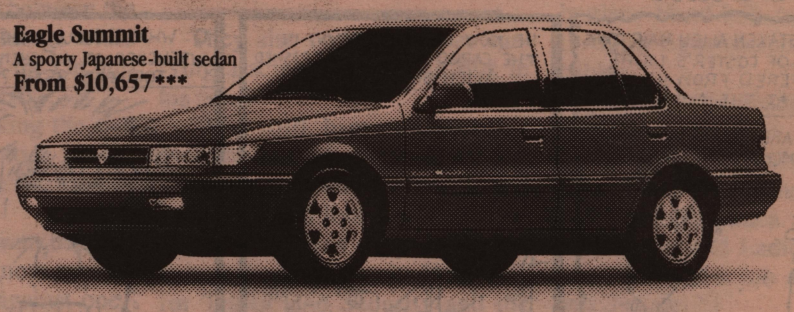

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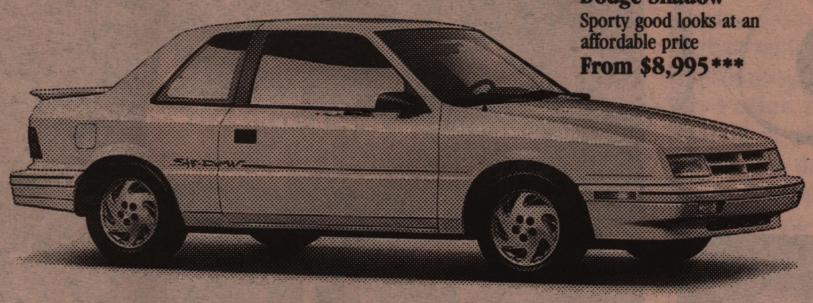

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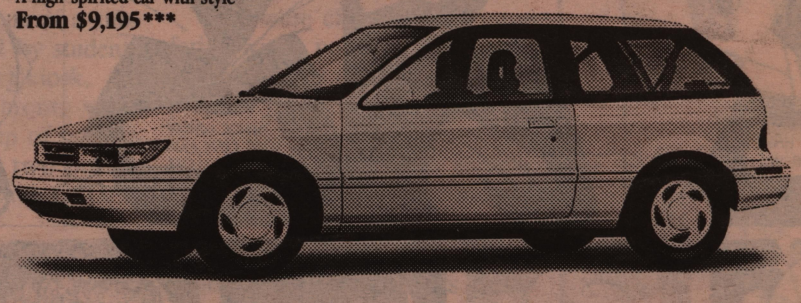

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VIPIRG Office Staff Gives Warm Welcome

by Lisa Langford

The open and warm VIPIRG office atmosphere is a direct result of the attitudes and skill of staffers Kelley Abeysinghe and Laura Porcher.

Abeysinghe is the Resource Co-ordinator. Her skills in group process and organization have been used over and over this year.

Abeysinghe's credentials as a person concerned about the university community are long and proven. As Students' Society Vice-President Academic, she lobbied successfully for low student bus fares, a tuition freeze, and better and safer access for women at UVic.

Porcher is the Executive Director - a title which belies her commitment to group process and consensus.

Porcher's history as a member of the UVic community is also long and dedicated. She taught Environmental Studies for the past five years, and has worked with local international development groups. She has also travelled widely.

Both staffers work with VIPIRG committees and the Board of Directors. They maintain the office as a resource centre for all students, and encourage everyone to become involved with VIPIRG.

VIPIRG staff, work study employees and board members (From Left to Right): Laura Porcher, Gillian Booth, Michael Brown, Angus Forsyth, Bill Dawson, Chris Fair, Dayna Christ, Kelley Abeysinghe, Stacy Chappel, Lisa Langford, Gavin MacPhail, Barb Kavanagh, Wendy Baker, Steven Demeulenaere, Peiman Abdi and Kathy Noonan

CARPOOLING SUCCESS

by Chris Fair

Efforts to reduce pollution and parking problems at UVic have resulted in successful carpooling, thanks to concerned students.

Four environmental studies students chose for their Group Action Project, or GAP, to respond to UVic's lack of carpooling initiative.

"Traffic and Security had been thinking about pooling, but hadn't done anything," said Jim Hyckaway, one of the plan developers. The administration agreed pooling was needed and endorsed their efforts.

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Transportation Committee

As university enrollment increases yearly and the city of Victoria continues to expand, the pressures on our existing transportation infrastructure are becoming harder to dismiss.

VIPIRG's Transportation Committee is committed to finding practical solutions to commuting problems facing students and faculty at the university face. We hope to relieve the growing strain on parking facilities through initiatives like car pooling and lobbying for improved bus service and better facilities on campus for bicycle commuters.

Currently the Transportation Committee is conducting a survey to accurately determine the transportation habits and needs of the university community. The data collected will be analyzed to develop recommendations which will address transportation needs of students on and off campus. The committee is also assisting the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition to organize a bike rally in the spring to express support for bicycling as a legitimate and integral form of local transportation. As well, the committee is involved in the Pat Bay highway expansion debate, to ensure students' concerns are raised before construction begins.

Our heavy reliance on oil has been a major cause of the Gulf war, the greenhouse effect, and other environmental hazards. In Canada, transportation is the largest oil consuming sector. It is essential that long-term goals and planning ensure on a local level that we create a safe, energy efficient transportation network.

If you have questions or suggestions on any transportation issue, feel free to drop by the VIPIRG office in the SUB, next to Cinecenta's Munchie Bar, or attend any of our meetings.

V.P. Administration, Trevor Mathews, sets a good example!

The committee meets every Friday at 2:30, in the SUB Upper Lounge. Contact Gavin MacPhail, 721-8629 for further information.

Housing Issues Committee

VIPIRG and the UVSS are jointly addressing student housing problems. Many students are often put into the unfortunate position of being unable to find affordable housing when they come to Victoria at the end of summer.

Last summer VIPIRG Resource Co-ordinator, Kelley Abeysinghe, and UVic Students' Society V.P. Academic, Elizabeth Loughran, presented a brief on housing to the Capital Regional District (CRD).

In September, the CRD published a study on rental housing in Greater Victoria entitled "Maintaining the Affordable Community." This report included many good recommendations, which are now being reviewed by local municipalities.

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Editorial Comments
On War and the VIPIRG Mandate

The VIPIRG Board of Directors

Last month, VIPIRG ran an ad in the *Martlet* intended to generate discussion about bus advertisements which characterized armed forces reserve duty as "part-time adventure."

VIPIRG has not taken a position on the Middle East crisis nor on Canada's involvement there.

Our ad was meant to focus attention on the way our government increases the militarization of our community, and glorifies and sanitizes war.

Our ad has been labelled by some as callous towards reservists and military personnel serving overseas. However, we feel the bus ads are insensitive to the reality that while some Canadians may die fighting in a war, their job is being characterized as adventure.

We are not targetting or blaming the military itself, the reserves nor armed forces personnel. The reserves can provide a valuable function by offering assistance in emergency situations. VIPIRG's letter accompanying our ad clearly stated it is not the group's intention to insult reservists.

While it is sobering and unpleasant to consider the prospect of death in a potential war situation, it is important to acknowledge this real possibility and fully consider the implications.

VIPIRG's mandate is to research issues of public interest and concern, to promote citizen action on such issues, to facilitate student participation in public interest research, and to aid students in developing effective citizenship skills. Research takes many forms, and is not restricted to statistics and surveys.

A crucial part of research is critical analysis, particularly of our media.

Adventure is clearly the message conveyed by these military ads. We need to question whether the glamorization of war is accurate or misleading.

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Many factors contribute to the unavailability of affordable housing for students: Neighbourhoods which are zoned for single-family dwellings make many otherwise available basement suites illegal. Students face high rental costs for frequently inadequate and unacceptable living arrangements. Many people stereotype students, and discriminate against them as renters.

This discrimination is ironic, because the university and its students generate a great deal of revenue for Victoria and the surrounding communities.

This yearthe VIPIRG Housing Committee is making recommendations to Oak Bay, Saanich and Victoria. The committee is lobbying the municipalities to legalize basement suites. It is important for students to attend council meetings and be to vocal about our situation.

In the fall, the committee worked with street youth on the housing issue. Students and street youth share common housing concerns for available affordable housing. They held joint meetings to identify needs and strategies.

Lobbying for by-law changes will foster an environment where learning, sharing, and empowerment can take place.

For more information about the Housing Issues Commitee, contact Dawne Kirwan or Steven Demeulenaere at the VI PIRG office in SUB room 144, or phone 721-8629; come to weekly meetings Tuesdays at 2:30 in the VIPIRG office.

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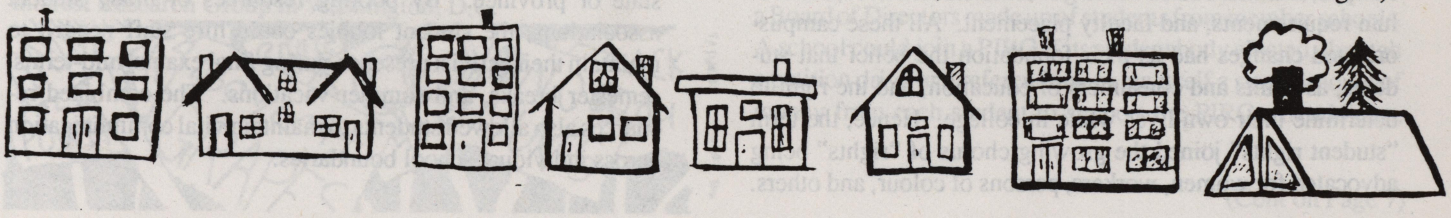

"I think, therefore I PIRG!"

Student Activism and Pub

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The concept of a student-directed and student-funded Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) grew out of two important social developments in the 1960's in the United States — the student movement and the consumer movement.

In the early 1960's students on several campuses in the U.S. began to engage in civil rights advocacy in the south. The first civil rights sit-in, for example, was conducted by bible school students at a lunch counter in Greensboro, South Carolina. Additional sit-ins, teach-ins, voter registration drives, and summers of protest gave a number of students first hand experience combatting social injustice.

Although the number of students involved was small, their example created a sense of empowerment among most students. Many students who took no direct part in the civil rights struggle nonetheless came to believe that students could have a real impact on a serious social problem.

It is not surprising, that in the mid-and-later years of the 1960's U.S. and Canadian students in greater numbers began to protest and work for social change. The campus teach-ins used to analyse southern racial policies were refocused to explore the U.S role in Indochina. In part because more students were directly affected by the war than by civil rights abuse, the pace of student activism escalated rapidly. By the time of the 1968 presidential primaries, more students were politically involved in anti-war protests than had been active at the height of the civil rights movement. Moreover, the student activists represented a broader segment of the campus community — more students from more schools in all areas of the country and with many more diverse political orientations.

The interest of students, though, was not only focused on social problems. A major part of student activism was directed towards the college and university itself.

Beginning with the "Free Speech Movement" at Berkeley, California in 1965, students launched campaigns to earn a say on the issues of what speakers could be brought onto campus and what groups could set up information tables on campus, and on the rules which governed student lives, curriculum requirements, and faculty placement. All these campus-oriented changes had as their foundation the belief that students, as adults and consumers of education, had the right to determine their own lives while in college. Hence, the term "student rights" joined the growing chorus of "rights" being advocated for women, workers, persons of colour, and others.

The movement, including groups such as Students for a Democratic Society and the Canadian Union of Students (CUS, now the Canadian Federation of Students) developed and fought for a set of principles concerning students rights and the quality of education. The Declaration of the Canadian Student, prepared by the CUS, broadened the traditional definition of the student as an "empty vessel" to be filled with knowledge. It stated that a student is a "member of society who has both the capability as a student and the responsibility as a citizen to contribute to his (sic) society's well-being." The student is also "a member of a global society with the duty to be concerned about his (sic) fellow citizens." Students, the document maintained, also have the right "to establish a democratic representative student association." Students, furthermore, had the responsibility for improving the quality of education and had the right to demand more relevance and meaning from their educational experience.

The student activism of the 1960's in the U.S. reached a climax in the spring of 1970. The Cambodian invasion sparked protests at hundreds of colleges and universities across the country. Classes were cancelled, schools were closed, and even buildings were occupied. Educators wondered aloud whether higher education itself could withstand the continued disruption of escalating student protests. And students were killed. First at Kent State and later at Jackson State, students were shot while involved in protests and demonstrations. Overnight it seemed that the turmoil of 1970 transformed a decade of hopes and dreams into depair, disappointment, and disillusionment.

But student activism did not end with the spring of 1970. Instead it matured and took a new direction. Student activists looked back at their predecessors and saw that students could make a difference but the desperate search for quick solutions had to be replaced with a steady, long-term presence of student activism.

The Student Association Lobbies

One group of students turned its attention inward and formed a network of student lobbies. The student lobbies are based on the principle that students must be linked school by school to have an effective voice in university and college policy and to defend the rights of students at schools across the state or province. By pooling resources of many student associations, the student lobbies could hire staff needed to maintain their activist presence during final exams, mid-terms, semester breaks, and summer vacations. The combined resources also allowed students to maintain vital communication across individual school boundaries.

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VIPIRG? What 's that?

The Public Interest Research Groups

The Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs) represent a different thrust in the post-1960's student movement. They too emerged from a realization that students had a special role to play. However, while the student lobbies in Canada and elsewhere have focused on the role of "student as student," the PIRGs represented the concerns of "student as citizen." The student lobbies helped students protect their interests within the higher education system; the PIRGs directed student interest outward into the surrounding community.

The PIRGs' highest priority has always been educating students in citizenship. The students forming PIRGs in the early 1970's recognized that to bring about meaningful social change there needed to be an informed, skilled and act'ive group of people who would work to make those changes happen. This year's campaign may be won or lost, but students would walk away having learned the skills needed to be effective advocates for social change — indeed how to be true citizens in a democracy. So, from the beginning, the PIRGs saw themselves as a training ground for tomorrow's leaders. By teaching students how to speak, write, organize, lobby and conduct research, the PIRGs would contribute to the academic forum by building on the classroom experience and giving students a solid footing in activism.

The idea for a PIRG originated with the consumer activist Ralph Nader. At the same time protests against the Vietnam war were shaking campuses around the country, Nader was drawing larger and larger crowds to his college lectures. Like other activists of the time, Nader encouraged students to work for change within the system. He argued that the established tools of research, legislation, and litigation were more constructive than protests and demonstrations. And more importantly, he argued these tools were easily integrated into the everyday life of the student.

Nader's work in the mid-1960's on auto safety had resulted in his book Unsafe at Any Speed and congressional hearings on the issue. It also resulted in General Motors hiring a private detective to tail Nader, a fact revealed at the hearings. Nader sued for invasion of privacy and in 1970 GM settled the suit for $425,000. With the funds Nader established a Public Interest Research Group in Washington, D.C.

In the 1970-71 academic year, the first two PIRGs were formed, and their organizing efforts and structure became the blueprint for the hundreds of groups to follow. In Oregon, after Nader spoke at the University of Oregon, a spontaneously scheduled meeting held to discuss students and social change attracted 500 people (in a room that held 150), and the unique organization was founded at this meeting under the name of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG). The students soon garnered support for the planned group through petitions at many of state's schools. Administration approval came after extensive lobbying efforts from students at all the schools.

The PIRG idea began spreading from campus to campus so that by 1973 there were chapters on 135 campuses in 19 states with an overall membership of 500,000 students and an overall budget of well over $1 million. In Canada, the first PIRG was set up in Ontario during the 1972-1973 school year at the University of Waterloo. On October 13, 1972, at the invitation of students, Ralph Nader spoke to 1,800 people at the school. In his speech, Nader pointed toward the new student organization that had been created in the U.S. Only four days after Nader's talk, 90 students met to form the Ontario Public Interest Research Group. Over the next three months, OPIRG collected 8,000 signatures supporting a fee check-off of $3 per student. The Waterloo Board of Governors, impressed by this unprecedented expression of student support, approved the fee request on June 2, 1973 and the Waterloo chapter of OPIRG was launched.

Each of the PIRGs was autonomous from Nader and autonomous from each other but all PIRGs followed the same general structure. Like their statewide student lobby counterparts, the PIRGs were multi-school organizations governed by a Board of Directors made up of students from member schools. A school could join a PIRG if its student body elected, through a petition drive or a referendum, to tax itself a small amount of money from each student to support the PIRG. In addition,

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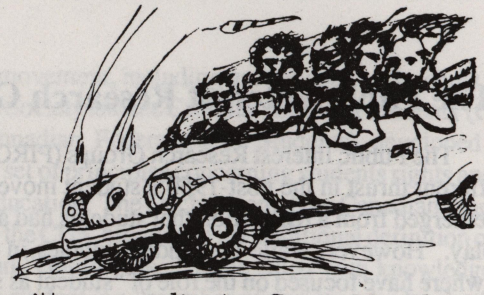
"I don't think we expected it to turn out quite as well as it did," said GAPer and VIPIRGer Mark Szekely. Over 200 names were collected at a table outside the library in a week. The names and addresses of students were gathered together and sorted by area, so students living near each other could share rides.

Initially the progress was encouraging, but project participant Dave Cherniawski is not sure how many students who signed up are actually pooling.

"It's hard to get feedback to see if it was successful."



The group says more could be done to improve and extend the program, so they gave their results to Traffic and Security. VIPIRG has continued the effort under the auspices of the Transportation Committee. New names are added to the list periodically and all are posted on VIPIRG's office door (SUB 144) for students to check.

"We also sent a memo to Faculty, but so far there has been little response. We encourage them to join us and have offered to help them set up their own carpooling system," said Transportation Committee co-ordinator Gavin MacPhail.

"Car pooling could eventually become an institution on campus."

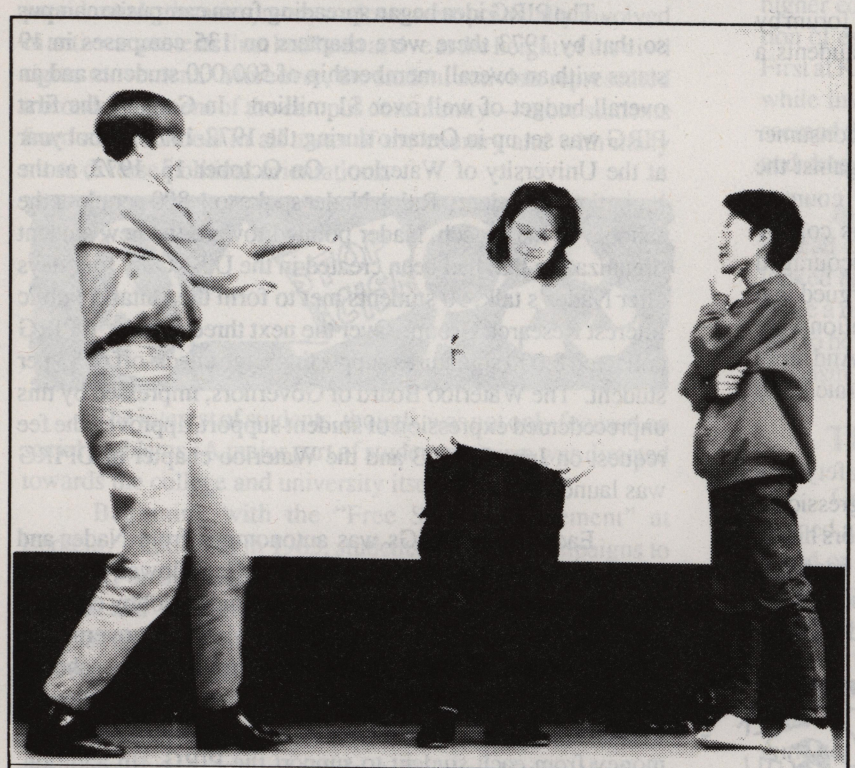
Women's Issues Committees

VIPIRG has two committees addressing issues of direct importance to women.

Reproductive Technologies Committee

The Canadian government currently has a Royal Commission on Reproductive Technologies which is examining ethics and the need for legislation governing a variety of new technologies. The Commission has completed its hearings accross Canada and will accept written comments until April 30th.

The Reproductive Technologies Committee carried out a survey in the fall to gauge student knowledge and opinion on various reproductive technologies. The survey addressed in vitro fertilisation, contract motherhood (sometimes called surrogacy), sex selection, ultrasound, fetal heart monitoring and amniocentesis.



Improv for the Sexual Harassment Committee
(Left to Right): Stacy, Flo, Shirley

The Committee has completed data analysis and will soon complete its brief on student perspectives for the commission.

Many thanks to all who completed the survey and especially to those who contributed personal comments.

Sexual Harassment Committee

The Sexual Harassment Committee is currently putting together a popular theatre presentation on Sexual Harassment. Performances will take place during International Women's Day Week (March 4-8) and will provide information on harassment and resources for people who have been harassed. Everyone is welcome to come and participate in the creation of our presentation — no theatre experience is necessary.

The Sexual Harassment committee meets every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Cinecenta.

Anyone interested in Women's Issues can contact Stacy Chappel at the VIPIRG office in SUB room 144, call 721-8629 or come to a meeting.

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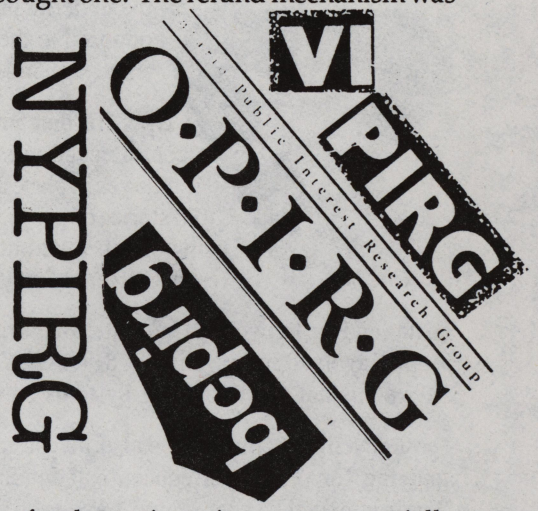
unlike other student activity fees, the PIRGs offered a refund for any student who sought one. The refund mechanism was designed as a sort of conscientious objector mechanism, whereby the rights of the individual in the minority were protected.



Also like their student lobby counterparts, PIRGs pooled their student monies to provide an adequate and reliable source of funds to hire full-time staff to help with their work. This professional staff, made up of lawyers, researchers, scientists, and organizers, gave the students the continuity and expertise to be able to research and propose solutions to the range of social problems in which the students were interested.

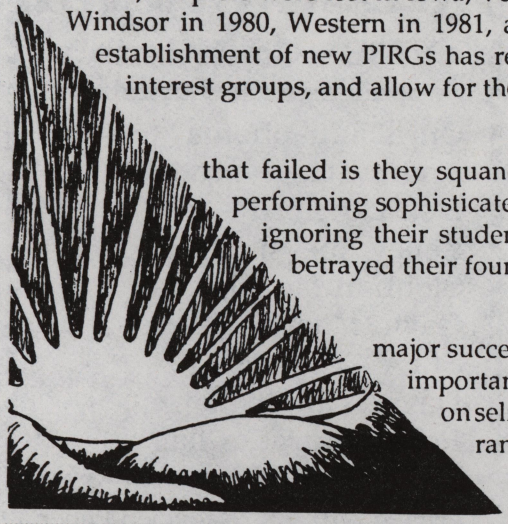
While an Earth Day protest of 1970 involved the ceremonial burial of an internal combustion engine, a PIRG report would involve lengthy and often arduous research on the scientific, legal and political impacts of a proposed state regulation on air quality, and would be followed up through several semesters, and even years, with litigation, community organizing, and lobbying.

Like any other student group, PIRGs faced the problems of the erratic schedule of students, lack of continuity and turnover among student volunteers, factors which work against the possibility of success in these long-range efforts for change in various areas, especially since social problems rarely adapt themselves to student schedules . But unlike other student groups, the PIRGs stable funding and full-time staff give the groups the resources to provide a base for consistent, continuous, focused activism. This structure allows PIRGs to avoid the sporadic responses to crisis situations, followed by frustration and depression from lack of success, that mark many student efforts at initiating programs for reform. Instead, PIRG student researchers and organizers have compiled an impressive record in many areas .

In their own ways both student efforts — the student lobbies and the PIRGs — were successful. Student lobbies now exist throughout Canada and the United States. Although they vary greatly in size, sophistication and effectiveness, they have become sufficiently institutionalized that they are likely to remain an important part of the higher education scene in years to come.

PIRGs have been created in the U.S. in 25 states, and have grown in many states to include many more schools. In Canada, Ontario PIRG grew with the establishment of chapters at McMaster (1975), Guelph (1976), Trent (1976), Western (1977), Ottawa (1978), Windsor (1978), Carleton (1981) and the University of Toronto (1982). During the 1987-1988 school year, Brock University was successfully organized, adding another chapter to OPIRG, which now has seven chapters. In British Columbia, organizing efforts launched by Nader during the 1980-1981 school year resulted in the establishment of the first chapter of BCPIRG at Simon Fraser University, although an effort at the University of British Columbia failed by a slim margin that same year.

Another organizing effort failed at UBC during the 1981-1982 school year but a second chapter of BCPIRG was organized during the 1982-1983 school year at the University of Victoria. PIRGs in both the U.S. and Canada have suffered setbacks; chapters were lost in Iowa, Vermont, Oregon and Texas in 1980-81. Ontario PIRG lost its local chapters at Windsor in 1980, Western in 1981, and McMaster in 1985. But overall, expansion of existing PIRGs and the establishment of new PIRGs has resulted in enough new funding to transform some PIRGs into major public interest groups, and allow for the creation of groups in new states and provinces.



All in all, the worst that can be said about PIRGs that failed is they squandered the opportunities they had to succeed by hiring staff incapable of performing sophisticated tasks, or electing weak or misguided student boards who ruined them by ignoring their student base, thus losing student support. None have succumbed to scandal or betrayed their founding philosophies.

The best PIRGs, on the other hand, achieved major successes. Dozens of major laws have been enacted because of PIRG lobbyists and important environmental and consumer precedents have been set. Hundreds of studies on self-help publications originated with PIRGs. PIRG alumni and alumnae swell the ranks of activist groups in Canada and across the United States. Perhaps the greatest achievement of all is that a generation of students has been taught that it is possible to fight the system effectively and win.

Recycling Committee

This year, VIPIRG's Recycling Committee started with the intention to execute a waste stream analysis of all campus garbage and from the findings, create a comprehensive recycling proposal to present to the UVic Administration. The analysis, due to the sheer size of the undertaking became far less sweeping than originally intended, and deals with specific buildings as opposed to the entire campus. Nonetheless, it is an important educational tool and an indication of the waste stream leaving the campus.

Upon further investigation of creating a campus wide recycling plan, the committee learned through communication with the administration, that there were already a good many recycling and reduction initiatives in place around the campus, but that these efforts were unknown and inhibited by students. We were told stories of people throwing trash in newspaper collectors, stealing utensils and plates from the cafeterias and using bulk peanut butter to stick glasses to the underside of tables. Our present intent is to educate students on present University recycling initiatives and aid the administration in maintaining and expanding campus recycling.

To this end the Recycling Committee has organised meetings between the key-players of administration on campus. We have contacted people involved in recycling at SFU, UBC, and a host of mainland colleges. Wehave also joined LIFERS (Liaisons Institution for Environmental and Recycling Systems), an inter-campus group which exchanges ideas and initiatives on recycling.

The Recycling Committee is also investigating the possibility of obtaining government funding for campus recycling. We will be applying for provincial educational funding and may be acting as a "partner" with the University in the federal government's "Environmental Partner's Fund". We have also notified the administration of additional provincial funding which the University could apply for.

One of our more visible projects is having immediate recycling results. As both an educational device and a service to the students, the committee is presently accepting note-paper, photocopy paper, and any type of bond paper(coloured or otherwise), every Thursday from 11:30 to 3:30, in the University Centre. We will also be accepting brown paper bags and envelopes on February 28th and egg cartons on March 28th. Notepaper will be collected periodically during exams. *Please no glossy, carbon, blued, envelopes, fax, paperbags, or cardboard except on the above dates.*

The Committee meets every Friday at 2:30-3:30 in Cle C214. For more information contact coordinators, Dayna Christ or Chris Fair, at the VIPIRG office, call 721-8629, or come to a meeting.

VIPIRG Calender

What's When in Your PIRG

VIPIRG Paper Recycling: Any kind of bond paper every Thursday in the University Auditorium Foyer (11:30-3:30). Also bring your envelopes and brown paper bags on February 28th and your egg cartons on March 28th.

Electric Railway Society: On Thursday, February 28, 3:30pm, in Clearihue A301, come and hear some innovative ideas on how light rapid transit could serve Greater Victoria and the University. (Sponsored by VIPIRG Transportation)

Citizens's Forum on Canada's Future (Spicer Commision): On March 11, from 12:30-3:30, at Cinecenta, VIPIRG invites all students to participate in a campus forum on Canada's future. To enquire about being on the student panel, or for more info, call 721-8629.

Green Campus Initiatives: See Claire Heffernan's slide show about the variety of "green" things which are being done in Davis, California, and which could be done here. Thurs, March 14th, 1:00-2:00 in Clearihue A207

International Women's Week: Watch for popular theatre presentations by the VIPIRG Sexual Harassment Committee — Around Campus

VIPIRG Refund Period: From March 4-15, all current members of the UVSS may request a refund of their VIPIRG membership fee ($2.50 for full-time students; $1.25 for part-time). By way of the refund period, VIPIRG enables students who may not support our activities to withdraw from the organisation.

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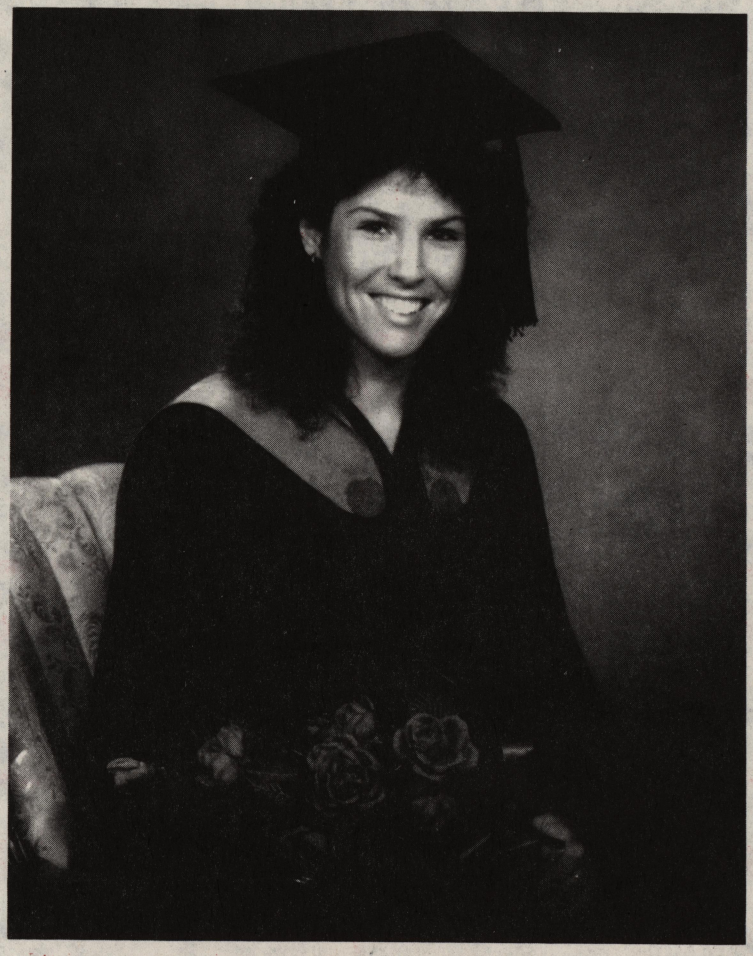

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